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DINA HOUSE TRAGEDY

Inquiry Opens

When the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of 29-year-old Gwyneth Margaret Hockridge, found last Friday on her bed with a gunshot wound in the head, was opened this afternoon before Mr Latimer, sitting as Coroner, and a jury of two men and one woman, Mr I. Woodhead, ADCI said that he proposed to call only very formal evidence and then request an adjournment.

He said in doing so he was following the practice usually adopted in England rather than in Hongkong.

Mr Woodhead explained to the Coroner and jury that he would ask for an adjournment because the Police enquiries into the death of Mrs Hockridge were by no means complete.

Appearing at the Coroner's Court were Mr D. A. L. Wright (instructed by Wilkinson and Grist) who watched on behalf of Mr Ronald Hockridge, husband of the deceased; Mr F. X. d'Alamda, watching for the parents of the deceased; Mr C. Y. Kwan, watching on behalf of one of the witnesses, Miss B. H. Chan.

The first witness was a Police Photographer, Lau Shing, who produced 13 photographs of rooms 1 and 6, second floor, Dina House. Room 1 was the bedroom in which deceased was found.

The pictures included one of a pillow, a bookcase with a gun among the books, and a separate picture of the gun after it had been removed from the books.

The inquiry is proceeding.

HK Broadcasting: Commons Query

London, Apr. 11.

Mr Walter Fletcher, MP, this afternoon asked for a more powerful radio transmitter in Hongkong to spread British broadcasting services to the Chinese.

He was told by Mr Griffiths, the Colonial Secretary, that the transmitters in Hongkong had a range sufficient to serve the Colony.

Mr Griffiths explained that the services of information for China would shortly be relayed by a new high-power broadcasting station in Singapore.

Conservative MPs took the view that this service missed the point as it would be a short-wave service. They preferred an expanded medium-wave service from Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary denied the efficiency of this plan.—Our Own Correspondent.

S'pore Riots Findings Soon

London, Apr. 11.

The findings of the Commission set up to investigate the "Jungle Girl" riots in Singapore last December should be in the hands of the Governor in May, it was learned in London today.

Sir Lionel Leach, King's Counsel, who presided over the Commission of three, was busy in London today putting finishing touches to the report. It is hoped that it will be complete by the end of the month.

The riots broke out in Singapore when the Court of Appeal decided that a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Bertha Hertogh, who had spent the war years with a Malay foster mother and had married a Malay school-teacher, must return to her parents in Holland and her marriage annulled.

The findings will have special reference to the causes of the disorders and the measures taken to protect life and property and restore law and order.—Reuter.

DEMAND FOR TRUMAN'S IMPEACHMENT

Deposed General Willing To Appear Before Congress

WASHINGTON, APR. 11.

A REPUBLICAN SENATOR, MR WILLIAM JENNER, TODAY DEMANDED THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN. SPECTATORS IN THE PACKED PUBLIC GALLERIES OF THE AMERICAN SENATE APPLAUDED.

Mr Jenner made his demand for impeachment — the procedure by which a President of the United States may be removed from office — during discussion of a resolution calling for General MacArthur to address a joint session of Congress.

The United States Vice-President, Mr Alben Barkley, who is Chairman of the Senate, banged for order and reprimanded the applauding spectators. He called on the Sergeant-at-Arms to enforce the rule against applause.

Mr Jenner declared that the United States was in the hands of a secret coterie directed by agents of the Soviet Union.

"We must cut this whole cancerous conspiracy out of our Government at once," he said. "Our only choice is to impeach President Truman and find out who is the secret invisible government which has so cleverly led our country down the road to destruction.

A Democrat Senator, Mr Olin Johnston (South Carolina) pleaded against any "hasty action." He served under General MacArthur in World War I and "put him on a pedestal," he said.

"Anything done to hurt MacArthur hurts me," Mr Johnston said. But he told his colleagues that they must consider the far-reaching effect of any action they might take.

Another Senator, Mr Richard Nixon (Republican, California), introduced a resolution asking the Senate to go on record that President Truman "has not acted in the best interests of the American people" and should restore General MacArthur to his command.

General MacArthur will try to make a triumphant return to Washington to campaign against the Truman Administration's foreign policies, Republican leaders declared here today.

These leaders also announced that they would consider the possibility of constitutionally overthrowing Mr Truman's Democratic Administration through impeachment and the trial of the President himself.

General MacArthur's projected stand against his dismissal made it certain that the next few months would produce the bitterest political fight the United States had seen since the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, successor to Abraham Lincoln, in 1865.

The consequences were likely to be historic and far-reaching, tending to divide the American people when their united backing of the mobilisation effort was regarded by the Truman Administration as vital for the rearmament of the non-Communist world.

MACARTHUR AGREES

General MacArthur has agreed to appear at a joint session of the United States Congress and discuss his dismissal by President Truman, Senator Kenneth Wherry (Republican, Nebraska) said today.

Senator Wherry said that the General had agreed in a telephone conversation with him today.

Senator Wherry said that he would introduce a resolution today asking for a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives to hear General MacArthur.

Such a move would require the support of at least some of the Democrats, who now control the Senate and the House of Representatives. Senator Wherry quoted General MacArthur as saying that he would be "delighted and honoured" to return here to appear before Congress.

Senator John Bricker, of Ohio, one of the many Republican supporters of General MacArthur in Congress, said that there was little that Congress could do about President Truman's dismissal of the General.

He said that the Democrats in Congress would probably try to block a Congressional probe but General MacArthur "is too great a man to be dismissed without being given an opportunity to present his side of the issue."

Mr Joseph Martin, the House of Representatives' Republican leader, announced in the House: "I am authorised to say that General MacArthur would be delighted to have an invitation to speak."

He said that the General "can be here in about three weeks."

Mr Martin introduced a resolution calling for an invitation to General MacArthur to address Congress.—Reuter.

STAR WITNESS

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Republicans made it plain on Wednesday they want General MacArthur himself to be the star witness in the investigation they want of the Truman-Acheson foreign policy.

Republican members of the Senate Armed Services Committee voted to ask Chairman Richard Russell (Democrat) to invite General MacArthur to testify.

Senator Styles Bridges, ranking Republican member, said he and his colleagues want Mr Russell "to cable General MacArthur and request him to come before the Committee to tell the whole story of our military situation in Asia."

When the Senate met, with the public galleries jampacked, Republican leader Kenneth Wherry sought unanimous consent to force a vote on the resolution inviting General MacArthur to address Congress.—United Press.

"TERRIBLE TRAGEDY"

Washington, Apr. 11.

Most Republicans in Congress on Wednesday denounced General MacArthur's ouster as tragic and a blunder.

Most Democrats rallied to President Truman's support.

Demands were made for General MacArthur's appearance before a joint session of Congress and for a complete investigation of Far Eastern policies.

Typical of Republican comment was that of Senator Robert Taft who said the firing of General MacArthur was a "terrible tragedy" and the result of the "obstinate course" pursued by the White House and the State Department.

On the other hand, Democratic Senator Robert S. Kerr said the General's job was too important "to be handled by any man unable or unwilling to cooperate with his superiors."—United Press.

LONDON COMMENT

London, Apr. 11.

The British Government had no previous information about President Truman's decision to dismiss General Douglas MacArthur from all his Commands in the Far East, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Press reports from Washington were the first intimation to the British Government of President Truman's action. No previous consultations had taken place.

Asked whether Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador to the United States, had been informed of the decision before it was announced, the spokesman said: "No so far as I know."

A private meeting of the 315-strong Parliamentary Labour Party today was reported to have given "an enthusiastic welcome" to the news of General MacArthur's dismissal.

Sources close to the Party said that after the meeting no member showed "any regret whatsoever" at President Truman's action.—Reuter.

CONGRATULATES TRUMAN

Washington, Apr. 11.

The President of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, Mr Philip Murray, congratulated President Truman today for firing Gen. MacArthur.

Mr Murray told newsmen he was certain that the "overwhelming mass of American citizens will support the President because they have instinctive opposition to any effort by the military to gain control of policy-making powers of the government."—United Press.

SEEKS RETIREMENT

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Maj-Gen. Courtney Whitney, one of General MacArthur's right-hand men, announced today he had requested retirement from active duty so he may leave Japan with General MacArthur.—Associated Press.

OFF TO TOKYO

Washington, Apr. 11.

The new Eighth Army commander, Lieut-Gen. J. Van Fleet, is scheduled to leave by air for the Far East at 1 a.m. GMT Thursday, only a few hours after arriving here from his Florida vacation. The Army said he was notified of the new assignment early this morning.—United Press.

Bevan Changes His Mind

A wide-open split in the ruling Labour Party was averted on Wednesday according to an Associated Press message from London. Labour Minister Aneurin Bevan, though fuming over changes in the National Health Service, decided to stay in the cabinet.

Overnight it had been widely predicted he would quit in protest against the new budget, which requires Britons to pay half the cost of their false teeth and spectacles. These have been distributed without charge. Taxes paid all the bills.

S'pore Detentions Queried

London, Apr. 11.

Mr Stanley Awbery (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today how many of the men arrested in Singapore in January (as suspected Communists) were still detained.

He also asked when they would be brought for trial.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr James Griffiths, replied that 15 of 39 people arrested in January were still detained.

The evidence against these was still being examined. It was not, therefore, possible to confirm that charges would be preferred.

Mr Awbery asked if the men would have a chance to defend themselves in an open court of law. Their continued detention was causing great concern and damaging healthy democratic movements in Malaya, he said.

Mr Griffiths replied that he could quite understand the concern. But it would be realised that in this area it was of the utmost importance to take measures of this kind at times. He was very anxious that the examination of the evidence should be completed as soon as possible, he added.

AIRPORT RUNWAY

Mr Leonard Gammans (Conservative) asked if the Air Minister, Mr Arthur Henderson, would make a statement on the abandonment of the heavy concrete runway at Changi aerodrome near Singapore and say how much money had been written off for compensation.

Mr Henderson replied, "It was orginally intended as the result of a joint decision between the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Government of Singapore and the Air Ministry to develop Changi with a heavy concrete runway as a combined Royal Air Force station and civil airport.

"Owing to site difficulties which emerged in the course of preliminary work, it became necessary to modify this plan and a flexible runway has been constructed instead to meet R.A.F. requirements only.

"Liabilities amounting to £316,433 were incurred jointly by the Air Ministry, Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Government of Singapore for disturbance to the contractor on the modification of the scheme and £152,247 for work done but not directly required in the project as revised."—Reuter.

No Trace Of Chinese Troops

Hanoi, Apr. 11.

French Army headquarters said on Wednesday that French paratroopers have retaken Tinho, tiny northern village, and found no trace of Chinese occupation reported earlier.

Unofficial reports Tuesday night said a Chinese invaded battalion had linked up with Communist-led Vietminh rebels near this village in the north-west Thai tribal country.

The paratroopers were airlifted into Laichou, 170 miles northwest of Hanoi, the announcement said. Then they slugged north 25 miles through rugged Thai country to retake the village against unidentified opposition.—Associated Press.

Far Ea Policy

Washington, Apr. President Truman tonight that he General Douglas Arthur because "the of world peace is mor portant than any individual".

In a major radio a which held out a new o Far East truce negotiation President said the United aim was to prevent the fighting from spreading in out war in Asia. "A n of events have made it that General MacArthur d agree with that policy," h "I have therefore conside essential to relieve G MacArthur so that there be no doubt or confusion the real purpose and aim policy."

Mr Truman added tha considers General Mac "one of our greatest m commanders" and dismisse "with the deepest pe regret." Mr Truman, was threatened with imp ment in Congress for MacArthur, referred speci to the general's demands a free hand to bomb C Communist bases in Man and use Chiang Kai- Nationalist troops to ope second front on the Red mainland.

A GRAVE RISK

"If we were to do things, we would be ru a very grave risk of start general war," he said.

He added that nothing suit the Kremlin better for our military forces to committed to a full-scale with Red China."

Mr Truman conceded tha Communist leaders thems may decide to expand Korean war into a world flict, but he noted that military strength of the nations is rapidly growing said there was reason to Russia may "realise it woul foolhardy to widen the h lities."

"A peaceful settlement then be possible," he confir "The door is always open."

The President said "we ready at any time" to peace, but "will not engag appeasement—we are only terested in real peace."

He then laid down a th point basis for a settlement:

"1. The fighting must sto

"2. Concrete steps must taken to insure that the figh will not break out again.

"3. There must be an en the aggression."

Mr Truman did not elabo on these terms, but said tha settlement formed on a "would open the way for unif tion of Korea and the withdra of all foreign forces."

Diplomatic quarters indica that the statement provided framework for a new Un Nations policy declaration lay down detailed terms for end the Korean war. Work on UN declaration already

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Dismissal Of MacArthur

REVERBERATIONS of President Truman's bombshell, the sudden dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur from all Far East commands, has echoed sharply throughout the world more because no prior hint had been given of the President's readiness for shock tactics against a Commander of such high standing than because of any lack of concurrence with the justice of the decision. Any lesser General guilty of political declarations of the type repeatedly made by General MacArthur would almost certainly have been drastically disciplined long ere this. For that reason, going with sincere feelings of regret that an officer of such distinction should end his military career in this distressful manner, a keen sense of relief has dominated immediate reactions. The comment of UN observers that the change of command creates an opportune time for recapitulation of allied aims and objectives in Korea and a fresh bid for a negotiated settlement with Peking reflects the general view that a stubborn obstacle has been removed. Characteristic MacArthur statements have frequently been absolutely opposed to the political policy of the Government he served and to which, as a military commander, he was supposed to be subordinate. His letter to Congressman Martin fell into the customary pattern. He visualised and advocated extension of the field of conflict in Asia by active American backing of a Chinese Nationalist invasion of the mainland at a moment in diplomatic spheres when greater stress was being laid on confining hostilities to Korea. The damage potentially done to attempts to disarm Peking suspicions and bring the Communist leaders to an amenable frame of mind was only paralleled by a previous MacArthur initiative, his personal visit to Chiang Kai-shek on a military mission shortly after the outbreak of and before Chinese Communist intervention in the Korean war. Of the protest which the Formosa trip provoked, MacArthur took no heed. Few of his public statements, in fact, had the authority of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff or of the United Nations. They embarrassed Washington, raised the worry chart at Lake Success, and created the impression that General MacArthur, his post-war role approaching that of Viceroy or American Pro-Consul, was consciously seeking to lay down policy. Such an issue could not escape coming to a head sooner or later. It stemmed in part from his character. The General is imperious by nature and does not easily defer to judgments with which he does not agree. These qualities were undoubtedly heightened by the almost unlimited powers granted to him in Japan. Nevertheless, he at all times remained a military commander. The American Government's interpretation of UN resolutions and the mission entrusted to him was binding on General MacArthur, and as President Truman pointed out, recognition of that fact was imperative always, and in time of crisis, particularly compelling. His dismissal for refusal to accept the obligation will undoubtedly stir MacArthur's followers in the United States to bitter criticism, but it can safely be assumed that vocal Congressmen will be more concerned with attacking the Administration than withholding the tradition of separating political and military authority. President Truman's intention of meeting the threat halfway by a broadcast message to the nation reveals both the crucial nature of the dismissal decision and the courage which prompted its making. We need no assurance that the situation, while fraught with a measure of danger, is well in hand. The President has enhanced his prestige at home and abroad.

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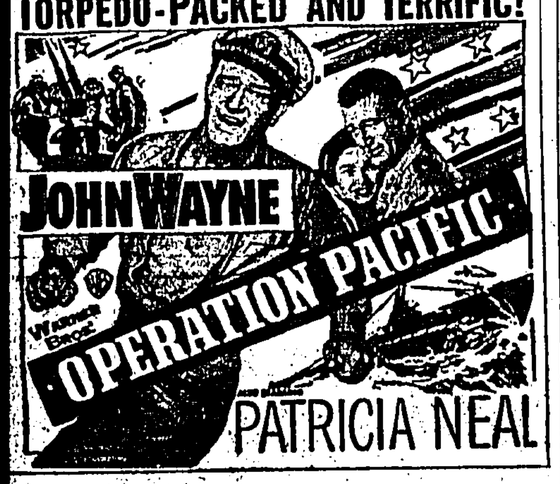

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BRITAIN'S KOREA OBJECTIVES STILL THE SAME

Resistance To Aggression: No Extension Of War

London, Apr. 11.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, said today that Britain's aims in Korea were unchanged. She still stood for resistance to aggression and no extension of the conflict.

He was speaking in the House of Commons a few hours after the news that President Truman had relieved General MacArthur of all his Far East commands.

There were cheers from Labour Members of Parliament when Mr Morrison started his Korean statement with a bare reference to General MacArthur's dismissal.

In his statement the Foreign Secretary said that to remove any doubts about the matter he wanted to say Britain stood for resistance against aggression and for an independent and unified Korea and no extension of the conflict.

Britain's views were made known to the United States whenever the need arose. Sometimes they prevailed, sometimes they did not, which was only natural.

Mr Morrison said he was anxious to see whether they could bring about a negotiated settlement and consultations were going on between the United Nations Governments on this.

He hoped shortly to be able to say something further about where they stood in Korea and what should be the policy for the future.

Crossing of the 38th Parallel, which was being discussed, was not the main Korea issue. The issue was whether the North Koreans and the Chinese were willing to negotiate a settlement, Mr Morrison said.

Mr Morrison summarised the directives which had been issued from time to time to General MacArthur.

LIMITED POWERS

He was told the aims of resisting aggression did not necessarily require the conquest of North Korea by force but the disposition of troops in the vicinity of the 38th Parallel should be strong enough to defend against possibly impending offensive by the Chinese and North Koreans.

Another directive said that hostilities should be localised in Korea. The United Nations were not to become involved in general hostilities with China.

General MacArthur was also told that his powers were limited on behalf of the United Nations to Korea and were to be executed within the framework of declared United Nations policy.

These directives, Mr Morrison said, represented British policy and that of other countries with forces in Korea.

Mr Morrison said that there were a number of questions down for answering about how General MacArthur had carried out his instructions.

In view of the change of command this episode was now closed.

BRILLIANT SOLDIER

British governments had consistently stood for the subordination of the military to the political. It was clear that the Americans placed the same interpretation on this relationship.

That was all that he desired to say.

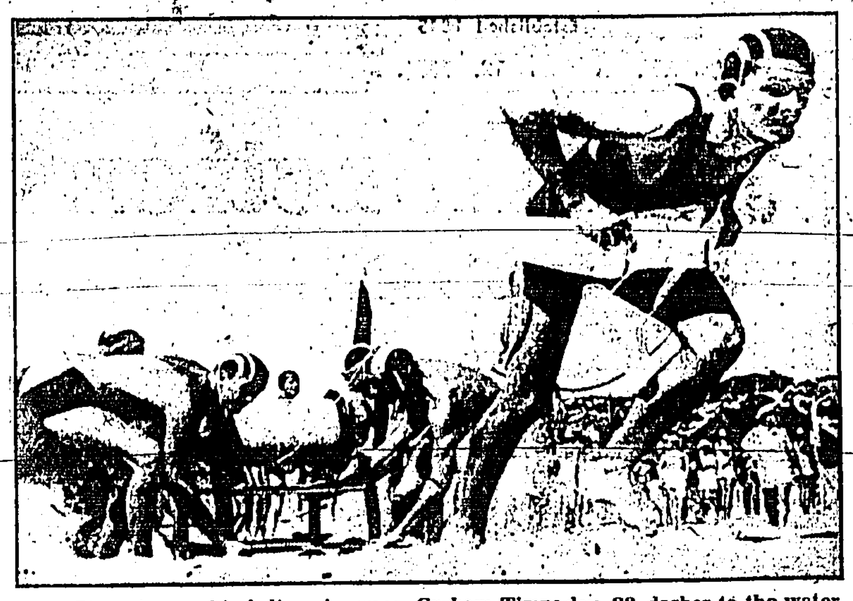
But General MacArthur was not to be judged solely by some of his recent utterances, Mr Morrison said.

"He was a great servant of the Allies during the war in the Pacific and he has proved himself a brilliant soldier."

There were cheers at this.

Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, said that the Conservatives agreed on the traditional view that the constitutional and civil authorities should control the actions of military commanders.

He endorsed what the Foreign Secretary said about General MacArthur's brilliant services throughout the war and in the direction of affairs in Japan.—Reuter.



Strapping on his belt as he runs, Graham Timperley, 22, dashes to the water at the start of the Australian senior surf belt championship at Scarborough Beach, Perth. Graham won the title from the 1950 champion, Don Morrison.—AP Photo.

Inside Story Of Truman Dismissal Of MacArthur

Tokyo, Apr. 11.

Here is the behind the scenes story of the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur by President Truman as disclosed tonight by high-ranking American officers long associated with the ousted commander.

Officers who talked freely but would not allow the use of their names confirmed the report that General MacArthur's first news of the dismissal came from his aide, Colonel Larry Bunker, who heard the presidential announcement on a shortwave radio broadcast from the United States.

Prior to that, they said, General MacArthur had not received a single hint of what was impending.

According to these informants General MacArthur's controversy with President Truman was brought to a head by a visit by the Secretary of the Army, Mr Frank Pace, who conferred with the General only last Monday.

At their conference, Mr Pace did not tell General MacArthur that his removal was being considered. Nevertheless, he hinted broadly that General MacArthur's position was getting tenuous as a result of ventures into the political sphere.

COUNTER-DEMANDS

The 56-year-old Army Secretary told the 71-year-old General that President Truman realised the vital necessity of maintaining the support of all the United Nations in the Korean war and, in effect, told General MacArthur that, if it were a choice between himself and the retaining of the co-operation of other United Nations members, General MacArthur would have to go.

At the same time, President Truman indicated that he did not expect to be faced with such an alternative if General MacArthur finally complied with the long-standing presidential order prohibiting military commanders from issuing policy statements without first clearing them in Washington.

General MacArthur immediately agreed to submit to the President's "silencing order"—as he had done many a time previously only to ignore it when it suited him.

But according to informants, General MacArthur simultaneously countered with a series of his own demands—for the carrying on of the Korean war.

JAPANESE REACTION

While Japanese Government leaders maintained official silence on General MacArthur's dismissal, the Government called a special Cabinet meeting for Thursday morning to discuss the situation arising from the change in the Supreme Command of the Allied occupation of Japan.

Political observers here expected that the Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, would issue a statement after Thursday's special meeting.

Japanese Foreign Office sources expressed the belief that General MacArthur's recall would not affect the course of the Japanese peace treaty negotiations.

Although General MacArthur had been known to have favoured an early treaty for Japan, the sources pointed out that the issue now had been placed into the hands of Mr John Foster Dulles and that an American treaty in draft had already been handed to other interested Powers.—Reuter.

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Moroccan Nationalist Allegations

New York, Apr. 11.

Moroccan nationalists charged in a telegram to President Truman today that the agreement between the United States and France, granting the United States bases in Morocco, was null and void because it had been concluded without the consent of Sultan Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef.

El Abed Bouhafa, Secretary of the Committee of Freedom for North Africa, wrote President Truman that the Franco-American agreement violated the Algeciras treaty to which the United States is a party.

The committee authorised him to state that the Sultan had "not been consulted and had not consented to the agreement which impinges so flagrantly upon his sovereignty and independence and violates the territorial integrity of Morocco."

Under the Algeciras and Fez treaties, which established Morocco as a French protectorate, no agreements affecting Moroccan territory can be made without the consent of the ruler.

Bouhafa said the new treaty was signed "at a time when French troops engaged in a new wave of repression against the freedom movement in Morocco."—United Press.

Gandhi Fast Continues

Durban, Apr 11.

Manilal Gandhi's fifth day of his 14-day fast was spent in bed, with Mr Gandhi overcome by nausea in spite of mud poultices applied to his head.

In the evening he took bicarbonate of soda in water for the first time and it considerably eased him. His father was a firm believer in mud poultices and applied them to the head during all his fasts.

Yesterday Manilal Gandhi was able to receive many visitors and had many messages from overseas, including one from the Hindustan Health Minister, the Governor of Bombay and a former Agent General for India in South Africa. Charles Fulton Oursler, editor of Reader's Digest and author of "The Greatest Story Ever Told," will visit him today.—United Press.

MORRISON STALLS ON EGYPT

London, Apr. 11.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, told Parliament today that a statement on Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for revision of the 1936 treaty would be made in due course.

He resisted efforts of the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, to have the matter debated in Parliament before negotiations were concluded. Mr Churchill wanted assurance that no agreement would have validity until approved by Parliament.

Mr Morrison replied: "The full and proper rights of the House will be kept open."

He also told questioners Egypt had not fulfilled commitments under the 1936 treaty to provide accommodation and public utilities for British forces stationed in the Suez Canal Zone.

"No accommodation or public utilities have been provided at the Egyptian Government's expense for His Majesty's forces stationed in the Canal Zone. The nature and extent of building carried out by the British forces in Egypt during and since the second World War have differed so greatly from that envisaged in 1936 that I do not think it will serve any useful purpose at present to make any financial calculations."

Asked whether this would be considered as a debt by the Egyptian Government over the past 15 years, Mr Morrison said. "It is a complicated debt and in any discussions that may take place in future on numerous claims outstanding between the two governments this factor will be kept in mind."—United Press.

Not Willing To Be Just An Echo

Toronto, Apr. 11.

Mr Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, said last night that Canadian-American relations constituted one of the most difficult problems of foreign affairs that has yet faced Canada.

Mr Pearson, addressing Toronto's Canadian Club, said that Canada had come of age in her relations with Britain.

Ottawa had abandoned "the sensitiveness of the debutante and London a tendency to dominate so that the two capitals now dealt with each other on a basis of confidence and friendship."

Canada's relations with the United States were growing closer but were not always free from frictions. "These will be easier to settle if the United States realises that while we are most anxious to work with her we are not willing to be an echo of somebody else's voice."—Reuter.

Pacific Pact Rejected

Washington, Apr. 11.

The special presidential representative, Mr John Foster Dulles, today told a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee on the Far East that the United States must work out some way to guarantee the security of Australia and New Zealand if it is to induce them to sign the proposed Japanese peace treaty.

The two countries have expressed fears of possible threat from resurgent Japanese militarism because the American draft treaty contains no ban on Japanese rearmament. They called for a Pacific Pact to guard against this danger and forestall the Communist menace in the Pacific.

Congressional informants said Mr Dulles made it clear to the four-man sub-committee that the State Department was not prepared at this time to enter into any collective security arrangement so rigid as a Pacific counterpart to the Atlantic alliance. Instead he and his colleagues in the Administration were attempting to evolve some half-way measure, which would give Australia and New Zealand the required assurances without involving a formal alliance such as that of the North Atlantic countries.

Mr Dulles indicated he had in mind some form of bilateral arrangements between the United States and each of the two countries concerned but did not spell out his plans specifically.

The informants gained the impression Mr Dulles believed such bilateral assurances might later be expanded into a collective security pact, taking in the Philippines and possibly other Pacific countries, including Japan and Indonesia.

Senate acquiescence in Mr Dulles' treaty plans and related arrangements is most necessary since that body must ratify the Japanese treaty after the Administration gets general agreement with other interested nations.

The four Senators on the special Far East sub-committee are Democrats John Sparkman and Walter George, and Republicans Bourke Hickenlooper and H. Alexander Smith. Their conclusions will carry great weight with the full Foreign Relations Committee when it begins discussions on the treaty.—United Press.

Entirely US Concern

Paris, Apr. 11.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie, left Paris today on a goodwill tour of the Middle East countries. He said that the removal of General MacArthur from his post was a matter of American internal policy.

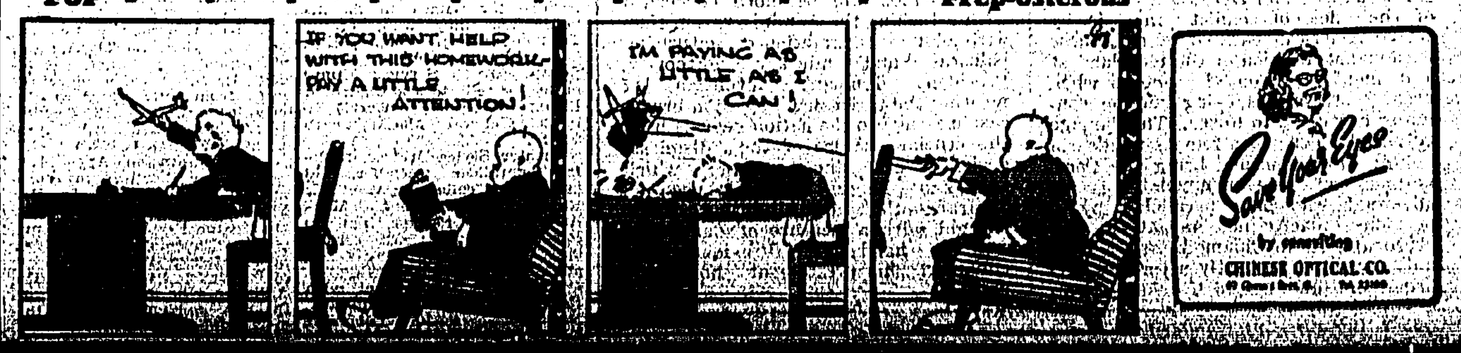
"The United Nations Security Council authorised the United States Government to nominate a Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations forces," Mr Lie said.

"The United States Government has, therefore, the authority to make any changes it deems necessary in the high command in Korea."—Reuter.

Oil Co's Offer

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 11.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company announced today that it had agreed to give all possible assistance to the Persian Government in combatting the country's worst locust plague in 80 years. It offered this help free of charge.—Reuter.



Stormy Session Of Big Four

Paris, Apr. 11.

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' deputies had a stormy five-hour session today, a Western spokesman said tonight. There were no new proposals.

Today's meeting, the 28th, was the longest yet held. The deputies once again failed to come in sight of an agreement on an agenda for a Foreign Ministers' meeting. The Western spokesman summed up today's meeting by saying, "The reverse of progress was made."—Reuter.

Non-European Vote Bill In South Africa

SPEAKER'S RULING

Capetown, Apr. 11.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa, Mr J. H. Cunradie, today ruled that Parliament can consider the Bill seeking to remove coloured voters from the Common Roll.

The Bill, the Representation of Non-Europeans Bill, has been challenged by the United Party Opposition as unconstitutional, requiring a joint sitting of the House and Senate and a two-thirds majority before it could become law.

The Speaker's ruling is that Parliament is competent to vote in the ordinary way on the measure and that a two-thirds majority is not necessary.

The Bill seeks to remove coloured voters in Natal and Cape Province — where they predominate — from the Common Roll and to give them European representation in the House and the Senate.

The Speaker quoted leading constitutional authorities in support of his contention that the South Africa Act no longer involved any limitation on the legislative competence of the Union Parliament.

He said that to differ from these authorities "would be to attempt to frustrate this House in expressing its will and exercising its undoubted rights, powers and privileges."

"I am, accordingly, not prepared to disallow the motion before the House," the Speaker added. — Reuter.

INDIAN VIEW

Bombay, Apr. 11.

Pandit H. Kunzru, President of the Indian Council of World Affairs, said here today that there was no hope of settling differences between Indians and the white community in South Africa by negotiation.

Pandit Kunzru, arriving from New Delhi to preside over a meeting of the Council tomorrow, added: "The Indian Government has always supported the Indian community in South Africa in every way it could.

"It is anxious to prevent inroads on the citizenship rights of Indians abroad and will do its best to rouse world opinion against the unashamed racialism of South Africa, which threatens democracy and peace."—Reuter.

ISRAEL PRESENTS TERMS FOR A SETTLEMENT

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 11.

Israel today handed to the acting U.N. Chief of Staff of the Armistice Commission its terms for settling the shooting border dispute with Syria.

The action followed stern warnings from the United States and Britain to keep the dispute from endangering Mid-East peace at such a critical time in the cold war.

The Israeli note submitted to Col. Bennet de Ridder listed four prerequisites for re-establishing peace in the demilitarised area near the Sea of Galilee. The conditions were:

1. All military and parliamentary units to be withdrawn from the demilitarised zone and barred from re-entry.
2. A total ceasefire between Israeli and Syrian troops.
3. United Nations observers to be given every facility to carry out their work.
4. Article V of the armistice calling for the return to civilian life in the demilitarised area to be reaffirmed.

Meanwhile, new violence flared up on the border where last week Syrian troops killed seven Israeli policemen. U.N. observers were reported to have seen a shooting fray between a nine-man Israeli police patrol and Syrian troops in the southern part of the demilitarised zone. An Israeli spokesman said the Syrian fire kept the police patrol pinned down all day near the village of Nakb. United Press.

AIR ENGAGEMENT

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 11.

An official spokesman said here today that two Syrian planes flying over Israeli territory today had been engaged by an Israeli fighter, which drove them back across the border.

The spokesman stated that six Syrian planes were sighted during the day over the demilitarised zone.—Reuter.

SYRIA DEFIANT

Cairo, Apr. 11.

Colonel Adib Shashakaly, Syrian Deputy Chief of Staff, said here tonight that he had received in Cairo assurances of support from other Arab States in the event of an Israeli attack.

The Syrian Army had fortified the Syrian-Israeli border and was ready to withstand any attack, he said.

He disclosed at a Press conference that Egypt had agreed to lift the ban on export from Egypt of surplus war materials bought by Syria from the British and American authorities.

He told reporters that his visit was to thank "King Farouk and the Egyptian Government and people for their support to Syria in her grave hour".

He denied that there had been any misunderstanding between Syria and other Arab States, declaring "The spirit of brotherhood prevails in all our discussions."

Colonel Shashakaly said that the Army was not involved in the recent Syrian Cabinet crisis, and denied that there was political instability in the country.

The Syrian Army's only concern was defence of the country and maintaining the existing Republican regime, he said.

Referring to recent Syrian-Israeli frontier incidents, the Colonel said that Israel aimed to gain a foothold in the demilitarised area.

In doing so they caused great suffering to nearly 1,000 Syrian subjects including women and children, he asserted.

Syria, he added, would fight for her rights to the end, and had raised the matter before the United Nations.—Reuter.

MORRISON CAUTIOUS

London, Apr. 11.

The Foreign Secretary Mr Herbert Morrison, today declined to commit himself in the House of Commons on the responsibility for the recent Israeli-Syrian clash.

On April 4, seven Israeli police were killed in a clash with Syrians in an area southeast of the Lake of Galilee and in one of the demilitarised zones.

Israel retaliated by bombing positions on Syrian territory the next day.

Professor Douglas Savory, Conservative, had asked whether the British Government had considered Egypt's complaint about the bombing. Mr Morrison said that Britain had told Egypt that she shared her concern and that the British Ministers at Tel-Aviv and Damascus had been instructed to press the Israeli and Syrian Governments to cease offensive operations immediately and to withdraw any troops from the demilitarised zone.

Mr Barnett Janner, Labour Jewish Member, urged Mr Morrison to take some steps to prevent Syria from taking further action "in view of the cold-blooded murder of these seven policemen and also the fact that others were taken prisoner."

He also asked Mr Morrison to tell Egypt that when it "interferes in these matters to interfere on the right side and not on the wrong side."

Mr Morrison replied: "In these matters of concern to Israel and the Arab States with whom His Majesty's Government is anxious to live in friendship it would beg Members of the House not to be too biased."

A Conservative Member, Mr Kenneth Pickthorn, asked whether the Foreign Secretary would question the use of "question-begging words like murder before all the facts involved in this very tragic and regrettable incident have become plain."

Mr Morrison: "I gather this is going to be the subject of an international investigation on the initiative of the parties concerned and I think that the more at this stage we can be impartial the better."—Reuter.

Colonial Court Of Appeal Opened

Lord Jowitt, Lord Chancellor of Britain, attended a colourful ceremony at Nairobi when he inaugurated the new Supreme Court of Appeal for East Africa. Picture shows the signing of the oath.

Yugoslavia Turning To Britain For Lead In Cultural Affairs

Belgrade, Apr. 11.

Britain is becoming the leading nation in cultural relations with Communist Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslavs are looking to Britain today more than to any other country for cultural exchanges and facilities for training badly-needed scientific and technical specialists.

Russia, which once occupied the dominant position in this respect, stepped out of the contest more than two years ago by deliberately cutting all ties between Yugoslavia and herself, and her satellites followed suit shortly after this country's break with the Cominform.

"It is important that people in our country become acquainted with the life and work of the British people, and we also consider it useful for the British people to become better acquainted with what is happening here," Marshal Tito told Reuter's correspondent, Ronald Preston, in an interview.

The Yugoslav Federal Council for Science and Culture has, according to Mr W. P. Jowett, head of the British Council here, for the first time itself begun showing a keen desire to make use of the various facilities offered by the Council in the sphere of culture and specialist training.

This is believed to be a unique attitude towards the British Council taken by any foreign Government department.

The growing activities of the British Council, whose object is to "propagate the English language abroad and further cultural exchanges" today in Yugoslavia include the following:

ENGLISH COURSES

1.—Help in the teaching of English in Yugoslavia;

2.—Scholarships and bursaries in Britain to suitable Yugoslav students and specialists;

3.—Instructional and other tours in Yugoslavia by leading British personalities in the realm of science and culture;

4.—To make available to Yugoslavs British books, documentary and technical films and British music (in script or on records).

Tribute was paid to the work of the Council in an article on Anglo-Yugoslav cultural relations in the Belgrade newspaper, Politika.

"Judged by the volume and organisation of cultural relations in the world today, Great Britain occupies the first place," the paper said. "This may be partly explained by the fact that Britain, among European countries, has at her disposal the most effective machinery for international, cultural and scientific co-operation . . . the British Council.

WIDELY SPOKEN

The most spectacular development has been the teaching of English. Mr Jowett described the Yugoslavs as most enthusiastic. English is fast becoming the most widely known foreign language in the country since the compulsory teaching of Russian in schools was abandoned just over a year ago.

Another sign of the popularity of English in this country is the decision by Belgrade Radio II (local emissions for Serbia) to broadcast "English by radio" lessons from recordings and scripts supplied by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr S. Stevens, Director of the BBC's "English by radio" series said that the BBC this year received for the first time entries from Yugoslavia for their "English by radio" competitions.

The number was described by Mr Stevens as "exceeding the entries from some Scandinavian countries where up to 30 per cent of those who listen to the series enter the competition."

Mr Stevens disclosed that the Belgrade Radio authorities had approached the BBC for the training of technical and programme staff and in connection with the supply of technical material, recorded music and rounded scripts.

He spoke of their candour in saying that they were inexperienced and would welcome technical advice and instruction from the BBC.

VISITS TO UK

Scholarships and bursaries allotted to Yugoslavia by the British Council last year amounted to 80 months in all. This year, beginning from April 1, it will amount to 100 months. The scholarships last year covered such varied subjects as English language and literature, animal breeding, medicine, technology, plant breeding, oceanography, textile production: 51 Yugoslavs made use of them.

In addition the British Council organises "visitors' weeks", allotting a certain number of weeks (covering all costs except fares to and from England) for short specialist visits.

Forty-three persons went to Britain on shorter visits last year, among them musicians, sanitary inspectors, doctors, film and drama experts.

Now visiting Britain is Dr Leon Gershkovic, Yugoslav Deputy Minister and a member of the Federal Council of Legislation, who took a leading part in framing the new Yugoslav penal code.

In Britain he will study local government, nationalised industry, the building up of professional cadres (private and civil service) and the rights of citizens against the State—all closely related to Yugoslavia's present-day internal problems.

The British Council is also helping the Yugoslavs overcome difficulties in the purchase of foreign books due to a shortage of foreign exchange. Since last August they have been supplying every month the Academic Council of Yugoslavia up to £100 worth of scientific and other British literature of their own choice.—Reuter.

Moscow Makes New Charge

London, Apr. 11.

Moscow Radio today broadcast an Indian Press despatch saying an American military mission had arrived in Northern Kashmir to make preliminary surveys for the construction of United States air bases there.

The broadcast quoted a despatch from the Srinagar correspondent of the New Delhi Times, saying that the mission consisted of about 50 experts and "has at its disposal three aircraft with Pakistani identification signs".

The radio also quoted despatches as saying, "The Pakistan Government has issued instructions to the military authorities to render every assistance to the U.S. military mission."—United Press.

LOCUST MENACE IN PAKISTAN

Karachi, Apr. 11.

An Agriculture Ministry spokesman today reported that hordes of locusts were seriously attacking farms in a number of Pakistani districts but control measures would probably prevent any major damage to the wheat crops of the Punjab.

The spokesman said plant protection officials were hurrying to the Punjabi fields to apply and inspect control measures against the flying swarms which have migrated from India in their annual cycle.—United Press.

Soviet Makes A Claim

London, Apr. 11.

Moscow Radio said today that Soviet scientists had developed an apparatus for turning the sun's rays into heat energy for use in electric power plants, industry and medicine.

The equipment, the broadcast said, had been made in the helio-technical laboratory of the power institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Several "solar installations" would be built along the route of the main Turkmenian Canal.—Reuter.

Resettlement Plan

London, Apr. 11.

Johore's resettlement programme, which will result in the housing of 70,000 Malayans in 65 entirely new villages, will be completed by May 1, according to a Singapore message received at the Foreign Office here today. Already 37,000 people have been moved into 24 resettlement areas.—Reuter.

No Cuts In Broadcasts

London, Apr. 11.

Britain's broadcasts to the Soviet Union and associated countries and to Europe have been saved from cuts by a special grant from the Government.

Mr Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, announced this in the House of Commons today.

He said that the Government would provide £100,000 to maintain the European Services of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

His statement followed widespread criticism, in which many Members of Parliament figured, of the recent BBC news release that it would have to reduce its overseas services.

Asked if the service to China would be cut, Mr Morrison said that the questioner need not be apprehensive on that point.—Reuter.

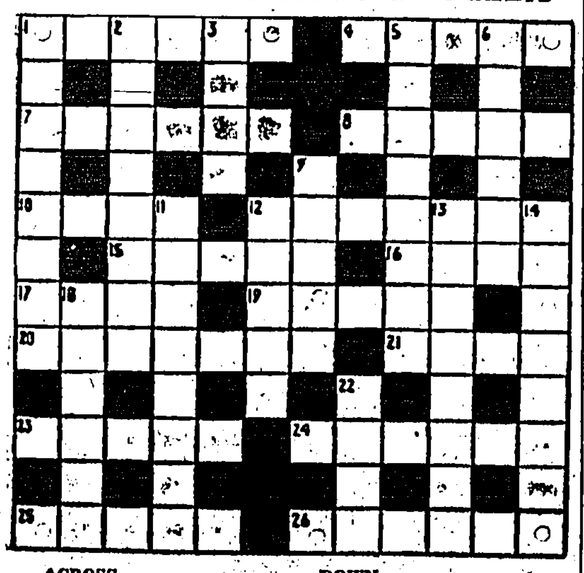
Cutting Their Contacts

Prague, Apr. 11.

Foreign diplomats in Czechoslovakia have no direct contact with any Czech Government office or other official body except the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Trade under new regulations here.

An official announcement said that the regulations, intended to govern contacts between State and other Czech authorities and the representatives of foreign countries in the country, were formulated by a Bill introduced in Parliament. The basic principle, the announcement said was that all matters of foreign policy and foreign trade should be concentrated in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Trade, respectively.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Destroyed.
4 Scan.
7 Unexpected.
8 Outspoken.
10 Staff of office.
12 Looks at.
15 Distribute.
16 Profound.
17 Overdue.
19 Deck.
20 Carry out.
21 Counsel.
23 Subject.
24 Soothed.
25 Employing.
26 Took notice.

DOWN

1 Be similar to.
2 Point out.
3 Level.
5 Bullfighter.
6 Strip.
9 Rhythm.
11 Choice by vote.
12 Origins.
13 Revoked.
14 Grand.
18 Self-evident truths.
22 Trick.

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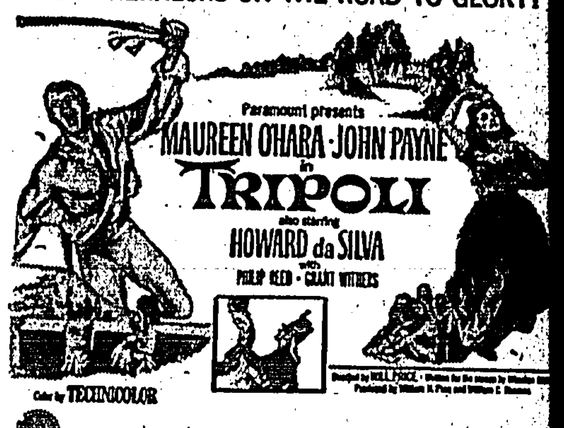

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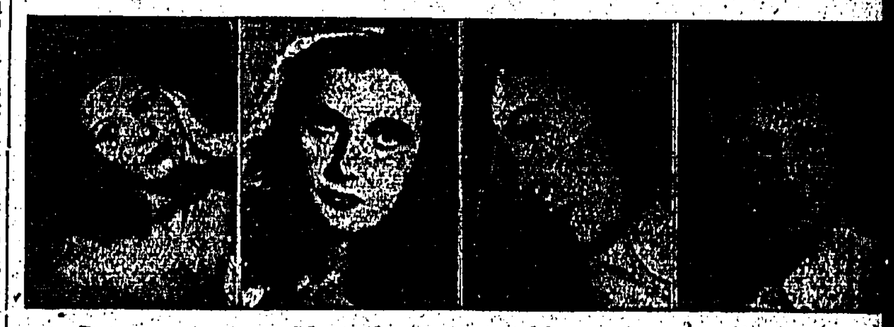

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BIGGEST COMBINED OPERATION SINCE WORLD WAR'S END

By HAZEL MAY

LONDON, April 3.

BRITAIN is preparing for its biggest combined operation since the war—C-Day, April 8, the day on which the first Census for 20 years will be held.

C-hour is midnight (Sunday) and all those alive in Britain at that moment are required to be entered in the census forms which 50,000 enumerators have been distributing since last weekend. The census authorities are determined to achieve a 100 percent return of forms, and every effort will be made to round up people travelling that night, or at work. Fishermen at sea on Sunday night will fill up their forms on arrival in port.

How does Britain organise such a mammoth operation affecting every one of its inhabitants? The General Register Office has been working on the plans for two years. And it will be years yet before the results are fully tabulated and ready for publication, though preliminary reports will be available in about eight weeks.

When the head of every household sits down to fill in the form, he must remember to enter the names of everyone in the house this coming Sunday evening, whether normally resident there or not.

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This census form demands to know full details of the people in the house. It does not only require to know the numbers of married couples, with or without children, occupying dwellings of various kinds, but also the numbers of households containing more than one married couple or relatives or boarders living with a married couple or not consisting of a family at all, but of unrelated individuals.

Why all these questions? Because sociologists today emphasise the importance of knowledge of human groupings, especially in families, as a guide not only to housing policy but to the development of many social services and to the nature and distribution of consumer needs.

A question over which there has been much confusion is that which relates to a woman's marriage. She is asked to give the date of her present marriage, and if married before, the date of her first marriage. She is also asked the number of children born alive to her, including any of a previous marriage, and whether she has given birth to a live-born child in the last 12 months.

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Rumours of searching questions on marriage have circulated in the past few weeks, and caused much indignation, only to be allayed by official reassurance. The Census does ask personal questions—but for quite impersonal reasons. All information given is treated as strictly confidential, does not pass beyond the Registrar-General's office, and there are heavy penalties for improper disclosure of information.

For example, the answers in Census forms cannot be used to trace deserters or to enforce private, social or national obligations, or any other purpose. It has been realised that many people might hesitate to give the personal information required if they had any reason to believe that it might be "used in evidence against them."

Very full details are required of each person's personal occupation. Those in trades, manufactures, professions or services are asked to state the particular kind of work they do, the precise branch or nature of their occupation. We are told that the golden rule is to give as much information as possible, and not be afraid of using technical terms.

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The census people have a tremendous list of these, and take pride in classifying even seemingly improbable people such as clickers and beetlers, turret lathe setters, carman's nippers and buffing-machinists.

There are more questions in this Census than in any other yet taken in our history—one result of the more complex and more organised existence in the Britain of 1951. Among questions not in the 1931 Schedule are the more detailed ones relating to marriage and children's education—which will provide useful cross-references between occupation and degree of education—and the section requiring details of [illegible]

[illegible] particular value in relation to the country's housing problem.

There will be a great effort to round up stragglers on C-night. There are penalties under the provisions of the Census Act and Regulations for those who wilfully refuse to fill in their forms. Travellers, including foreigners, are being urged to call into a hotel or even a private house on the evening of C-Day, if there is no other way of their being registered, and efforts are being made to give train travellers an opportunity during their journey of giving the required particulars.

What does this enormous operation costs? In 1931 it was £460,000. This Census is expected to cost over £1,250,000. The earlier one did not include Scotland, however, and the timelag since the last Census, as well as the all-round increase in prices, has mainly accounted for the great increase in the cost to the nation.

The preliminary reports of the Census to be published about eight weeks after C-Day will give the numbers of men, women and children enumerated in each area as compiled by area Registrars. These reports will also include the population at previous Censuses, the acreage of areas and indicate where populations are increasing or decreasing. It is also planned to take a one hundred percent sample of the returns, on which a number of the more important tables can be based, enabling many of the facts to be published well in advance of the final results.

The full work of the Census—coding all the cards, sorting and counting them, compiling county tables, and then producing volumes on Housing, Occupations, Industries, and finally a volume of General Tables, summarising the information in the county volumes, will take several years to complete.

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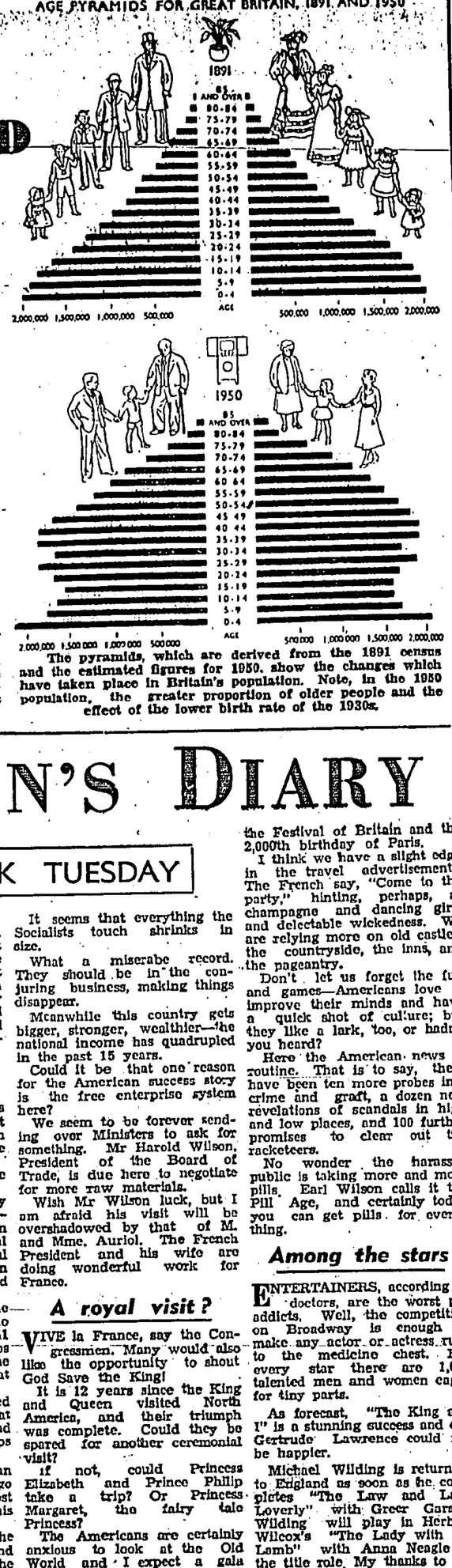
Most important people in Operation Census are the Enumerators. They have been chosen from the ranks of local government officers, schoolteachers, and other reliable people. They must be educated, possess tact and a pleasant manner, and be physically fit since their duties are likely to be a considerable endurance test in many of the rural areas. Upon the efficiency of these enumerators depends the value of this survey.

AGE PYRAMIDS FOR GREAT BRITAIN, 1891 AND 1950



The pyramids, which are derived from the 1891 census and the estimated figures for 1950, show the changes which have taken place in Britain's population. Note, in the 1950 population, the greater proportion of older people and the effect of the lower birth rate of the 1930s.

£240 a day for doing nothing

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.

FROM now until May 15 Hollywood's Howard Hughes is paying British actor Robert Newton and fellow players a total of £240 a day to do nothing.

But Hughes can afford it. He is an aircraft builder, airline operator, and oil multi-millionaire besides being a film chief. His income is estimated at over £10,000 a day.

Hollywood calls 46-year-old, 6ft. 3in. Hughes a mystery man because he sees his stars once a year, has his office miles from his studio and often telephones orders on films at 3 a.m.

But he is a famous starmaker—Jane Russell, Faith Doumergue, and the late Jean Harlow.

Newton and the other actors were hired to film G. B. Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion." But Hughes wants comedian Alan Young for Androcles and he is not available until May 15. So everyone is gloriously marking time on full pay.

Yet Hughes is saving money. He has lent leading lady Jean Simmons to another studio until May 15 to make "Queen Bess," and Hollywood's estimate of her salary is "something over £1,000 a week."

SINGER Margaret Truman, whose salary as a radio star nearly equals that of her famous father (£35,700 a year), is making her debut as an actress. She will appear in a radio drama with James Stewart called "Jackpot."

LONDON-BORN males named Henry got free seats the other night for the British comedy "Springtime for Henry."

STEEL PRODUCTION is over three times that of Russia and her satellites together, says the annual report of the United States Steel Corporation, a private company. It is 12 percent above peak production in World War II.

GUNMAN William Cook jun. was sentenced to 300 years in prison for murdering all five members of the Carl Mosser family. Said Judge Stephen Chandler: "Society stands indicted for permitting this child to grow up in the inhuman conditions that permitted these crimes."

ADVERTISEMENT COLUMNS are sprinkled with London flats for the Festival. A Hampstead maisonette is offered from May 6 to September for—£60—a month.

DOWAGERS in diadems shrieked like bobby-soxers and waved scarves after the farewell performance at the Metropolitan Opera House of soprano Kirsten Flagstad. For 20 minutes they clapped in rhythm, calling: "We want Flagstad."

BREWERS are marketing a dry-cleaning powder which removes stains of eggs, ice cream, chocolate — even beer — from clothing.

SEPARATION arrangements between Georgiana Campbell Manville, 32-year-old British eighth wife of millionaire Tommy Manville, provide her with £350 a month—if she does not telephone him. So she was unable to tell him that the car he gave her for her last birthday has been stolen.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

NEW YORK TUESDAY

THE toilers in the Associated Press building at 50, Rockefeller Plaza acquitted themselves well this week. We had our full-dress rehearsal of air-raid drill. It was staged elaborately:

First there were the large decorative announcements on easels in the lobbies: "Practice air-raid drill in this building between 3 and 3.15 p.m."

Then there were notices on our desks: *"Warning signal:* The fire gong in corridor will ring 50 rapid strokes lasting about 30 seconds. *All clear:* Six pairs of two-gong strokes with six seconds between pairs. Elevators will not run, lights will remain on. It is suggested that personnel go to the corridor areas marked Shelter. Stay away from elevators (in a real raid they might blow out). Do not smoke."

Is so happened that I was in an elevator—lift to you—smoking a cigarette when the mad pealing of bells started. Out went the cigarette, down went the elevator to the entrance hall.

Not satisfied

ABOUT 200 people were gathered there, looking calm enough and gazing at what appeared to be a male chorus-line of blushing, self-conscious wardens.

Then we were all shepherded to the basement, past the bar and the plate-glass windows to a lofty whitewashed shelter.

There we stayed feeling rather foolish, until the bells broke out again. When I got back to the sixth floor and the *Daily Mail* office I was told that all the staffs from the various bureaux had carried out the "suggestions" perfectly.

I am more than satisfied with the arrangements made, but many native New Yorkers are not. The editorialists say that the British are doing a much thorough job with specially built atom-bomb villages and grim, realistic training amid fire, smoke, and deafening explosions.

Naval occasions

THIS is one of the few times that I have seen it conceded here that the British are doing superior work to the Americans.

In almost everything else we are declared to be lagging.

Ever since the controversy flared over the proposed appointment of an American admiral over British naval forces there have been painful (to me) comparisons between the size of the Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy.

Britannia no longer rules the waves, say the pundits who produce these figures: in 1941 Britain had 363 combat ships manned by 300,000 men. The United States had 339 combat ships and 353,000 men.

By June this year the United States will have 958 combat ships and 705,000 sailors, and we will have 175 combat ships and 150,000 men.

We have a Navy less than half the size of ten years ago and the Americans have almost trebled theirs. I don't think this is good enough, do you?

The ravages of being in the front line during the war and the lack of resources in the United Kingdom are two big reasons for our decline, but they don't tell the whole tale.

It seems that everything the Socialists touch shrinks in size.

What a miserable record. They should be in the conjuring business, making things disappear.

Meanwhile this country gets bigger, stronger, wealthier—the national income has quadrupled in the past 15 years.

Could it be that one reason for the American success story is the free enterprise system here?

We seem to be forever sending over Ministers to ask for something. Mr Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, is due here to negotiate for more raw materials.

Wish Mr Wilson luck, but I am afraid his visit will be overshadowed by that of M. and Mme. Auriol. The French President and his wife are doing wonderful work for France.

A royal visit?

VIVE la France, say the Congressmen. Many would also like the opportunity to shout God Save the King!

It is 12 years since the King and Queen visited North America, and their triumph was complete. Could they be spared for another ceremonial visit?

If not, could Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip take a trip? Or Princess Margaret, the fairy tale Princess?

The Americans are certainly anxious to look at the Old World and I expect a gala tourist season.

At the moment there is a neck-and-neck rivalry between the Festival of Britain and the 2,000th birthday of Paris.

I think we have a slight edge in the travel advertisements. The French say, "Come to the party," hinting, perhaps, at champagne and dancing girls and delectable wickedness. We are relying more on old castles, the countryside, the inns, and the pageantry.

Don't let us forget the fun and games—Americans love to improve their minds and have a quick shot of culture; but they like a lark, too, or hadn't you heard?

Here the American news is routine. That is to say, there have been ten more probes into crime and graft, a dozen new revelations of scandals in high and low places, and 100 further promises to clear out the racketeers.

No wonder the harassed public is taking more and more pills. Earl Wilson calls it the Pill Age, and certainly today you can get pills for everything.

Among the stars

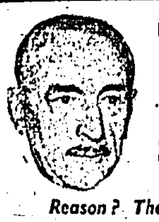
ENTERTAINERS, according to doctors, are the worst pill addicts. Well, the competition on Broadway is enough to make any actor or actress rush to the medicine chest. For every star there are 1,000 talented men and women eager for tiny parts.

As forecast, "The King and I" is a stunning success and our Gertrude Lawrence could not be happier.

Michael Wilding is returning to England as soon as he completes "The Law and Lady Loverly" with Greer Garson. Wilding will play in Herbert Wilcox's "The Lady with the Lamb" with Anna Neagle in the title role. My thanks to Mr Wilcox for his charming cable. "Odette" is a four-star success here.

Footnote: The Little Four in Paris apparently cannot agree on what the Big Four are to disagree about.

THE ROCKET MAN scraps his ash-trays



Reason? They're out of date, said the Guided Missiles chief, giving news to-day of the developments that are providing Britain with new weapons.

By JAMES STUART

THE man who taught the King to fly stubbed his cigarette-end into the ashtray on his desk. He pointed to the bookcase, where there were half a dozen ashtrays all surrounded by modern types of aeroplanes. "We have deposited them in the bookcase as being out of date," he chuckled.

For, rising vertically from the centre of the one now in use was, in beautifully turned bronze, a model of a rocket projectile.

It was a symbol of his office. Air Chief Marshal Sir Alec Coryton, DFC, is Chief Executive, Guided Weapons, at the Ministry of Supply.

In his room seven floors up above the river at Millbank, he told me of some of the work that is going on 12,000 miles away in the South Australian scrub country that will make any new Battle of Britain a very different affair from the summer days of 1940.

1,200 MILES RANGE

Coryton has just returned from a visit to the vast rocket testing range at Woomera, 350 miles north of Adelaide, where, far away from prying eyes, the work of testing both defensive and offensive rocket projectiles is progressing.

[illegible] room there for [illegible] miles away in a former munitions [illegible] all the supporting activities—electronics, rocket propulsion and aerodynamics. This base is headed by Mr H. C. Pritchard, 40-year-old Oxford Double Blue.

What are the prospects for British industry?

"There are various schemes afoot. One British aircraft firm have already started out there," Sir Alec said.

How are we doing on rockets? Sir Alec was careful to give no secrets away. "In relation to the total effort that has been put into guided weapons, progress has been satisfactory," he said.

Fifty-six years old Coryton, tall and slim, with hair that is going white, usually prefers to wear a lounge suit with a white stiff collar.

HIS 'OLD CROCK'

An old Etonian, he joined the Rifle Brigade after leaving Cambridge during the 1914-18 war, transferring to the Royal Flying Corps in 1917. Two years after he became an airman he was the King's flying instructor at Cranwell.

What does the man who is in charge of all Britain's supersonic "rocketry" do in his spare time? He loves engineering, and has his own private workshop. Another of his joys is an "old crock" car. "I did 100 miles in it the other day at an average of 34 m.p.h.," he said.

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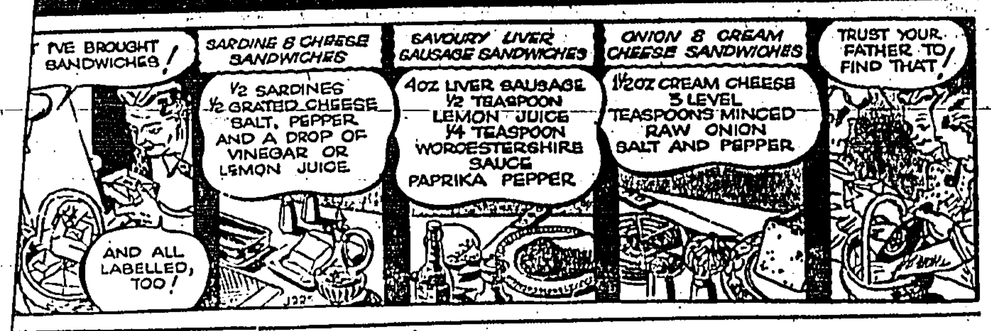

ewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Side Pockets—An Ever-Popular, Fashion-Right Style

tinue popular dresses. The kirt shown are fashion-right- yon gabardine, skirt length s 2" hem, plus e and pockets. bric. Tear off 2" hem. Fold alf lengthwise, d you.

ght Corners

left-hand corner: ght. C is 1½" line from C to front. D is 3" ength from waist to right of C. F surement to right- a line straight ge from E. plus 2" above E. ft of upper right- Chalk a line from for I. Chalk lines G; H to B. Curve ghtly and G—I as

facing and pocket ½" below D; K 10" ; L 4" above K; M f G. Connect these indicated by heavy Mark side darts tween C and I.

or Tissue Paper

cing or tissue paper utline of yoke and one, indicating lines F—G. Then make cing of pocket sec- Cut out these 2 erns. Cut out skirt, s B—C; C—D; D—F; H; H—B. econd piece of fabric engthwise. Lay fold ou. Mark for waist- ng selvages, cutting nd piecing to obtain

aper patterns on as n second diagram, centre front of yoke fold as at N. Mark Cut out, cutting yoke d as shown. Cut along facing to make two

—Stitch centre front and centre back seams of skirt, starting back seam at M. Press open. Lay facing pieces to skirt, right sides together. Stitch from D to F to G, making ⅝" seam. Notch corners and seams on curves. Turn to wrong side and press. Back edges G—M will be stitched in with yoke.

Lay skirt over yoke, centre fronts matching and top edge of skirt front even with top edge of yoke. Pin centre back edges to back edges of skirt.

Baste bottom edges of pocket sections together from wrong side. Pin darts. Put skirt on. Check darts, adding darts in back and front if necessary for fit. Remove skirt. Stitch darts and pockets.

Skirt Zipper

Slip-stitch or whip front edges D—F to yoke. Insert skirt zipper in centre back seam, following zipper instructions. Leave seam open 5" at bottom of centre back seam for ease in walking.

Stitch waistband to right side of skirt. Bring other edge to wrong side and whip down. Use snaps at back of band to close.

Put on skirt. Mark length. Remove skirt. Finish with slip-stitched hem.

How To Acquire That Flattering Mat Finish

Foundation cream and powder, combined in one make-up cake, gives your face a flattering mat finish.

By HELEN FOLLETT

MEMBERS of the beauty-seeking contingent are likely to consider complexions of two types, blonde and brunette. Truth is complexions vary in colour to a surprising degree. Finding the powder that will prove flattering is no easy task. The skin may be creamy, ivory, beige, sallow, rosy, florid or that perfect type known as peaches-and-cream. Even for the perfect skin you must be cautious when selecting rouge and powder which, if off-tone, can mar the natural loveliness.

A shade slightly too light will make the flesh look hard; a darker one will help hide defects if they are present. As for the consistency of powder, that depends upon whether the sebaceous glands are over-working or loafing on the job. The "drys" will find powders with an oily base a real help as they not only impart a more flattering appearance, but act favourably upon the health of the complexion. Or a make-up in cake form that combines foundation cream and powder may answer their problem.

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Apply powder with gentle pats of the pad and start on the throat. The ever-popular practice is to fill the pad generously with the fluff-stuff, wham it on the impertinent nose that gets more than it needs to present a pleasing appearance. Keep clear of the hair line. If powder gets into it, remove it with the eyebrow brush, the bristles of which have been touched with brilliantine.

You will find cute little plastic containers for your powder pad. The girl who lets her pad kick around in a dresser drawer is a slacker. A soiled pad can bring along a flock of blackheads. If you are bothered with these little dark pore-plugs give your complexion a dry cleaning now and then. Pour a small amount of eau de cologne on a moist wash cloth, pass over the flesh lightly. Keep the cloth away from your eyes.

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Wise women who cream their faces every night, realising that these beautifying rites are good for the soul as well as the feminine phiz, also attend to their necks. You have to catch a neck young. You cannot place any confidence in it. After the age of thirty one should include this anatomical feature in the attentions that are necessary to keep one within finger touch of one's youth.

A complexion treatment should not end at the tip of the chin; that is what usually happens. The pillar that holds up your head is subject to changes that are not for the better. It can go fiddle-stringy, it can take on necklace creases, it can assume a dingy look that gives it a colour divorce from the face.

Winners In Paris Design Contest

Paris—Prize winners in the annual Heim-Jeunse-Filles International Design Competition for 1951 were selected recently from nine European countries.

Le Grand Prix was awarded Sirkka Vesa, 22-year-old Finish student, on the basis of talent and personality. Miss Vesa, who submitted designs for beach ensembles, wins a trip to Paris and New York, via Air France.

First prizes in the individual divisions were won by Mireille Blanchard, 20-year-old pattern maker from a Paris suburb, for her dance frock, and Traudl Kern Keerstein, 20-year-old Vienna student, for her beach ensemble.

Versatile Combinations

Knit top and plaid skirt.

By VERA WINSTON

INTERESTING combinations are news in spring wear. The navy knit top is double breasted with cap sleeves, and is lined in white cotion pique with a matching collar and white pearl buttons. The white pique skirt is plaided in red and blue. It could go nicely with any number of different tops and blouses while the top would go well with pedal pushers, slacks or shorts.

Soft Details

THIS spring the knit dress really does come into its own, as the leading designers of this most useful and pretty of fashions introduce all sorts of softening details. Rosanna does a handsome model in beautiful colours, and gives it novel touches such as the Chantilly-type wool lace sleeves. Tiny wool scrolls are touched with rhinestones on both sleeves and at the high, round neckline. This is a good choice for cruise, resort or spring-wear.

By ALICE ALDEN

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Percentage Play Isn't Sure-Fire

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HERE is a question of percentage that has bothered us for some time," complains a New Orleans reader. "We think that it's your fault for putting ideas into our heads.

"West led three top diamonds, and South ruffed the third. He then led a heart to the king and returned a heart from dummy. East played a low heart, naturally enough, and South made the mistake of thinking.

"He had read one of your columns in which you stated that it was a good idea to expect an uneven break in cases of this sort, where an opponent had bid. Acting on your advice, he finessed the jack of hearts.

"The result was pretty sad. South lost two diamonds, a heart, and a spade. If he had put up the ace of hearts, he would have made his contract.

"How are you going to wriggle out of this one? Are you guilty or not?"

Guilty, with an explanation. I probably did write a column once on the subject of whether or not to finesse with nine trumps. If one of the opponents has bid or shown unusual suit length, you should usually play him for a singleton trump.

Mind you, I never said that the finesse will always work. That's the difference between a percentage play (usually succeeds) and a sure-fire play (always works).

	NORTH	25
	♠ K 10 6 2	
	♥ K 8 7 2	
	♦ 9 5 4	
	♣ 9 5	
WEST		EAST
♠ 8 3		♠ Q J 9 5
♥ Q 10		♥ 6 3
♦ A K Q 10 6		♦ J 8 3
♣ Q 8 4 3		♣ J 10 6 2
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A 7 4	
	♥ A J 9 5 4	
	♦ 7 2	
	♣ A K 7	

Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass.
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ K

Most important of all, I would never recommend playing this hand in the way described. South had only himself to blame for losing it.

The right play is to trump the third diamond and lead a heart to the king. Then trumps should be abandoned for the moment.

Declarer should first cash the top clubs, ruff a club in dummy, and cash the top spades. Only then would it be wise to take the trump finesse.

West would win with the queen of hearts, but then would have to lead back a club or a diamond. In either case, dummy would ruff while South discarded his losing spade.

In short, it was the percentage play to take a finesse in trumps, but South should also take out all possible insurance against the loss of that finesse.

CARD Sense

Q—As dealer, with both sides vulnerable, you hold: Spades A-K-6-3. Heart 5. Diamonds Q-10-7-2. Clubs A-J-8-4. What do you do?

A—Bid one diamond. Although this is your weakest suit, it will make your rebid most convenient. No matter which suit your partner bid, you have an easy bid or raise. It is usually best to bid the suit under the singleton when you have three four-card suits.

TODAY'S QUESTION

As dealer, with both sides vulnerable, you hold: Spades A-K-Q-4. Heart 6. Diamonds 10-7-3-2. Clubs A-K-J-8. What do you bid?

Answer tomorrow.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IN common with many other leading ironmongers, I was puzzled by a headline which said, "No Red Nails In Meat Pie Works."

I imagined the police entering a huge room in which meat pies were being made, and prising out of the walls all nails painted Moscow red, as a security measure. But we ironmongers read on, and discovered that the nails were the painted nails of the girls who fill the pies with the astounding meat, and leave a flavour almost as bad as the meat itself. When English wine is made, I hope the girls who press the grapes will be warned against varnishing their toe-nails.

Strabismus sums up

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht said yesterday: "Even modern science, which rarely hesitates to treat hypothesis as fact, will not, I think, be rash enough to attempt to construct an authentic picture of life on the moon from the inexpert observations of an untrained charwoman. To her, that lunar crater was just a hole like any other, nor had she even the most rudimentary knowledge of how to adjust and read the delicate instruments with which the rocket was equipped. It is to her credit that she has not attempted to substitute the frantic imaginings of the amateur for the laborious research of the professional. She saw nothing, heard nothing. As her mother, Mrs Roof, has said, 'She might as well have been in Dalston.' But one fact remains to cheer us. The rocket went to the moon and returned with an accuracy and precision which prove that my calculations are unassailable. Forward to the future!"

Mrs Grampound protests

DEAR Sir,

Festival of Britain? Not if the grand old game of seesaw is to be played in the Persian manner, and by Persians! Has British seesaw sunk so low that it has to be played by two aliens, with a plank balanced on the belly of a third? No wonder foreigners are sneering. At the Wembley Exhibition there were giraffe-necked girls from Burma on show. Do not let us repeat this error of judgment, merely for the sake of pandering to sensation-mongers.

Yrs. truly,
(Mrs) Ella Grampound.

A kind thought

IT was a kindly gesture of the British Council to invite "the Olowo of Owo and his senior wife Yeyesi" to Edinburgh for the winter weather. My report quotes the Olowo as saying, "We have not been warm since we arrived." "They were nearly frozen to death on a river trip," added an official. I advise the council to stick to Racine in Flemish for the Cypriots.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

IF you are born today, you are sometimes rather slow to make up your mind but once your decision is made; it is irrevocable. The stars have given you many talents and you may have difficulty in selecting a career since you find it so easy to do so many different things. But once you have stepped out on a certain path, you are unswerved.

Although you have a great deal of nervous energy, you must guard your health. You are not as strong as you think you are. Indications that you are going beyond your strength will always show in the degree of patience you display. If you find yourself losing your temper over trifles, slow down. Get out to see people; go to the theatre, attend a concert or the movies.

Exert caution in your emotional life. You are inclined to scatter your affections. You like so many that it may be difficult for you to settle for any one person. Don't wed in haste or you may regret at leisure. You are fond of your own home and the comforts it may bring. You will be happiest if you wed someone whom you have known a long time. In matters of romance, give first impressions a second thought.

A conscious effort toward optimistic thoughts will be beneficial. Your occasional moodiness can be dispelled in this fashion.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make the most of your personality. A good impression at the right time can get results.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't let a Friday, the thirteenth, worry you! Common sense will override all superstitions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A day for constructive planning and the working out of those plans. Be practical and explicit.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Do all you can to make a good impression wherever you go. A new suit or dress can help get that job!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Spring is a good time to make home improvements. Perhaps you can plan to have that redecorating done.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Forecasts are bright for you now. Get a good start on that new job.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't let opposition deter you from reaching your goal. You can be on the winning side if you try.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Delays may be irritating, but if you are patient you can overcome these difficulties calmly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Combine the practical and the artistic to your advantage. A new enterprise appears exciting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You will need rest this evening. Be sure not to take on too much today. Be conservative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't let others into your plans. Work independently, secretly if you must, for best results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Physical exercise will work off those jitters! Don't let minor matters disturb you.

Check Your Knowledge

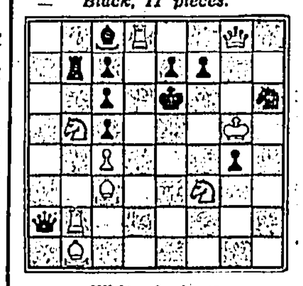
1. What is the plural of nebula?
2. Name the Roman god of the Sea.
3. What is meant by marching in "Indian File?"
4. What was the old French name for Nova Scotia?
5. What part of the body is the sternum?
6. What nationality is the famous violinist, Joseph Szigeti?

(Answer on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. BARTOLOVIC

Black, 11 pieces.



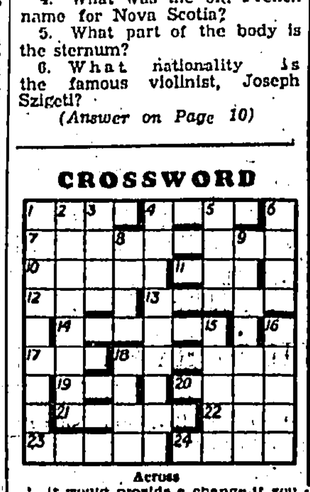
White, 9 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, P—K3; threat 2, Q—B2 (ch). 1 . . . Kt—K3; 2, B—B6; 1 . . . B—B6; 2, Q×B (ch).

CROSSWORD



Across

1. It would provide a change if you did. (4)
4. Can you see Elba from this? (4)
7. No cute oil will be found in such voice training. (9)
10. You may need toast for the nerve little beast. (5)
11. The extinct bird of the Rockies (3)
12. Quarrel the stiff necked always have. (4)
13. From which unchanging instinct comes this suspicion? (5)
14. No this is not practical. (6)
17. It is used for transport. (3)
18. Unsociable sort of bird surely. (5)
19. You must reverse 17 Across to this to cow. (3)
20. Sour for a member of Scotland Yard it seems. (4)
21. In a way the Spanish dined (5)
22. Archaic accord. (3)
23. The way in. (5)
24. Quite a number you'll find. (4)

Down

1. It proves I've bustle. (9)
2. Height. (5)
3. Covering you're glad to have. (4)
4. Power to enforce obedience. (9)
5. The boast of Britain. (4)
6. A dislocated chin. (4)
8. Where you may expect to find a change of face. (4)
9. Here you can find the C.O., so can I. (6)
15. Kind of lily flowered plant of America. (5)
16. Nursery bear. (5)
18. Rage you may get in changing it. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Cheroot; 5, Ration; 9, Ardent; 10, Tenacity; 12, Ardent; 13, Tenacity; 14, Ardent; 15, Tenacity; 16, Ardent; 17, Tenacity; 18, Ardent; 19, Tenacity; 20, Ardent; 21, Tenacity; 22, Ardent; 23, Tenacity; 24, Ardent; 25, Tenacity; 26, Ardent; 27, Tenacity; 28, Ardent; 29, Tenacity; 30, Ardent; 31, Tenacity; 32, Ardent; 33, Tenacity; 34, Ardent; 35, Tenacity; 36, Ardent; 37, Tenacity; 38, Ardent; 39, Tenacity; 40, Ardent; 41, Tenacity; 42, Ardent; 43, Tenacity; 44, Ardent; 45, Tenacity; 46, Ardent; 47, Tenacity; 48, Ardent; 49, Tenacity; 50, Ardent; 51, Tenacity; 52, Ardent; 53, Tenacity; 54, Ardent; 55, Tenacity; 56, Ardent; 57, Tenacity; 58, Ardent; 59, Tenacity; 60, Ardent; 61, Tenacity; 62, Ardent; 63, Tenacity; 64, Ardent; 65, Tenacity; 66, Ardent; 67, Tenacity; 68, Ardent; 69, Tenacity; 70, Ardent; 71, Tenacity; 72, Ardent; 73, Tenacity; 74, Ardent; 75, Tenacity; 76, Ardent; 77, Tenacity; 78, Ardent; 79, Tenacity; 80, Ardent; 81, Tenacity; 82, Ardent; 83, Tenacity; 84, Ardent; 85, Tenacity; 86, Ardent; 87, Tenacity; 88, Ardent; 89, Tenacity; 90, Ardent; 91, Tenacity; 92, Ardent; 93, Tenacity; 94, Ardent; 95, Tenacity; 96, Ardent; 97, Tenacity; 98, Ardent; 99, Tenacity; 100, Ardent.

• BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A DENTIST has offered six months' dental work for the return of a lost pet cat. Quite a large ante for one kitty.

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If you want to do a poor job of growing old don't take your time about it.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

MAKING SURE

by T. O. HARE

"I HOPE to make sure of retaining my place in Class A"

The speaker was Walter Whiteknight; the occasion, a chess tournament in which each of eight players played one game against each of the others. A win counts 1 point, a draw ½ point.

"The players with the three lowest scores are to be relegated," Walter told me. "If players tie for one or more of these last three places, relegation will be in order of seniority, so, as I'm the junior player, I must necessarily better score than at least three other players.

"Now, many points must Walter score to be certain of avoiding relegation?

(Solution on Page 10)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl Lost His Wings

—And They Turned Up in a Surprising Place—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW I left them right here—right on this rock!" Pixie O'Scowl was saying in the loudest and most complaining voice that the Pixies of O'Cheer Hall had ever heard. "I just went inside for a minute to get my coat! And what happens the instant my back is turned? Somebody comes along and takes them! Where are they?"

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were just starting down the hill to see how many cones they could find in the Pine Tree Grove when they suddenly heard Pixie O'Scowl's loud complaining. They hurried down the hill, ran past the Pine Tree Grove and didn't stop until they reached the flat white rock before the Old Oak where the pixies lived.

Pixie O'Scowl was pacing up and down, up and down. "Lost—stolen—both of them! My back wasn't turned a minute! I just—hello," he said to Knarf and Hanid in a grump; "just stepped in to my room to get my coat and what happens—when what happens — when —"

What was Lost?

Pixie O'Scowl was talking so fast that Knarf and Hanid could hardly understand him.

"What was lost, dear?" Hanid said as she reached out and held Pixie O'Scowl between her thumb and forefinger.

"Leggo!" yelled Pixie O'Scowl. But Hanid held on to him. "First tell me what was lost and then I'll let you go, darling."

Finally, after struggling a bit longer and seeing at last that he couldn't get away, Pixie O'Scowl consented to explain what had happened.

"It's my wings," he said. "I took them off this morning to give them a good brushing and washing and polishing. So I got a bucket of water and lots of soap and I started in. It was hard work. But I like my wings to shine. It's no use having a pair of wings unless they shine," he said again.

Knarf and Hanid didn't know. They didn't have any wings. They agreed that shining white rock! The wings were wings would look better than ever.

Hanid blew at Pixie O'Scowl dull dusty wings.

brushed and I polished. And by and by they looked as good as new. In fact, they looked better than new. But I began to feel chilly."

"Why?" asked Knarf.

"The sun went down behind some clouds. The wind sprang up. I needed a coat. My coat was hanging in my closet on a hanger. I left the wings on the rock while I ran in to get my coat. And when I came back, what did I find?"

"What?" asked Knarf and Hanid together.

Flat White Rock

"I found nothing but the flat looked all round the rock. They looked all around the Old Oak. They even looked all around the crooked blackberry bush.

But there was no sign of Pixie O'Scowl's missing wings.

All of a sudden Knarf shouted: "Look!" He pointed up in the air.

There, flitting around in the sunshine, was a turtle!

"My wings! He's got my wings! Come down here, you robber!" shouted Pixie O'Scowl. The turtle, who looked surprised, came flying right down. He landed on the flat white rock. "Oh!" he said. "I didn't know they were your wings, Pixie O'Scowl. I just put them on to see how it felt to go flying. It's wonderful!"

But Pixie O'Scowl just grumbled and said: "Bah!"

Rupert and the Castaway—16

Koko looks round from time to time to make sure that Rupert is near him and then he leads the way past Captain Barnacle's shack. The old sailor hears them passing and peeps out, but they are gone before he can open the door. Right along the shore and over the rocky headlands goes the little black boy without any further pause until he reaches a narrow space between two huge boulders. Then he wriggles through head first. "He is taking me back beyond the place where I first saw him," pants the little bear. "I wonder if I shall find out now what he wants."

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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER

RACING FOR BUNS TURNED OUT AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION AND A RECORD-BREAKER

Says McDONALD BAILEY

What should be the aim of the athlete when he goes to the track for a training session?

My answer is that to begin with he should be in a happy frame of mind, he should have a definite plan of action and keep to it as near as possible, and he should have some form of incentive.

In my experience of training with many athletes I have found that very few follow these principles. In fact, I often wonder at the complete aimlessness of the majority, who just seem to gather at the track for an evening's frolicking.

There should be no excuse for this if the athletes are keen to get on. A coach is of tremendous value in helping to plan an athlete's programme, but he should not be depended upon entirely for this or to provide the incentive in training.

Incentive, which is a prerequisite for championship performances, is something which we must provide ourselves.

SHY AND COMPLACENT

I have often found myself virtually "alone" because of the shy and complacent attitude of some athletes. I attribute a great deal of my early successes on the track to training with and learning as much as possible from men with more experience than myself. And I am still learning.

Arthur Wint, who won the 400 Metres Run at the last Olympic Games at London, beat his fellow-Jamaican, Herb McKenley, who was then world record-holder for the 400 metres and still holds the world record for 440 yards. The two used to race for buns long before they entered the Olympic arena.

Many times, in an effort to pep up the proceedings, I have suggested some full speed dashes up to 50 yards, but the general reaction has been: "Oh, I can't keep up with you," or "That's too much for me."

It seems that they fail to see the main purpose of the suggestion, which is to encourage the competitive spirit — which after all should always be uppermost in their minds.

It does not really matter who gets there first in these training spins, providing, of course, everyone is doing his best, but it does cut out that indisious "loafing" which is so common nowadays.

Admitted training can at times become very tedious, but it is up to every athlete to fight against boredom.

In this respect I always remember an interesting little story told me by Olympic Champion Arthur Wint. "When I used to train with Herb McKenley—now 440 yards world record holder — we found our training sessions so dull at times that often we raced each other for buns," said Arthur.

It should not be necessary to introduce the "bun" aspect into our training, but the idea behind it is certainly worth considering.

This training business must be taken seriously. Train in groups with some definite plan, but above all make the work-outs really worth while.

KCC TENNIS PROGRAMME

The following tennis matches in the Kowloon Cricket Club 1951 Spring Handicaps have been arranged:

TOMORROW

Miss B. Bonbernard & Mrs D. Dawson Grove v Mrs D. & Mrs H. Baker; Miss A. Bailey & Miss A. Boutaki v Miss P. Ward & Miss J. Watt; Miss M. Fisher & Miss B. Groeven v Mrs K.M. Getz & Mrs W. Pepperell; A.S. Augestad & J. Leeiou v C.J. Smith & A.V. White; W.M. Cowie & G.H. Wren v C. Encarnacao & M.K. Nasholds; Mrs J. Lawes v Miss B. Yim.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

A.L. Ricketts & R. Lawes v E.C. Fincher & R.S. Capell; A. Zimmern & J.V. Sellers v D. Chen & C. Digby; D. Chen v C. Ouang; Mrs R.B. Lawes & N. Leonard v Mrs M. Pepperell & A.V. White; C. Encarnacao v R.H. Lapsley; Mr & Mrs T.E. Baker v Miss P. & Mr C. Kotowall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

T.E. Baker & A. Fung v D.C. Symonds & H.C. da Silva; Mrs M. Lang v Miss H. Bonbergard; Mrs W.H. Pepperell v Miss M. Xavier; J. Leriou v R. Lawes; G.H. Wren v K.M. Getz; A.S. Augestad v C.J. Smith.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Miss M. Lambert Baker v Miss A. Birt; K. Lo v W.M. Cowie; A. Lang v R.J. Cousins; R.S. Capell v J.D. Mackenzie; N. Leonard v M.K. Nasholds; Miss M. Xavier & Miss M. Ribeiro v winner Miss Bonbernard & Mrs Dawson Grove—Mrs D. & Mrs H. Baker.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Miss V. da Silva & D. Symonds v Miss A. Birt & A. Augestad; J.D. Mackenzie & G.M. Gillard v D. Hung & K. Lo; W. Pepperell v winner D. Cheng—C. Ouang.

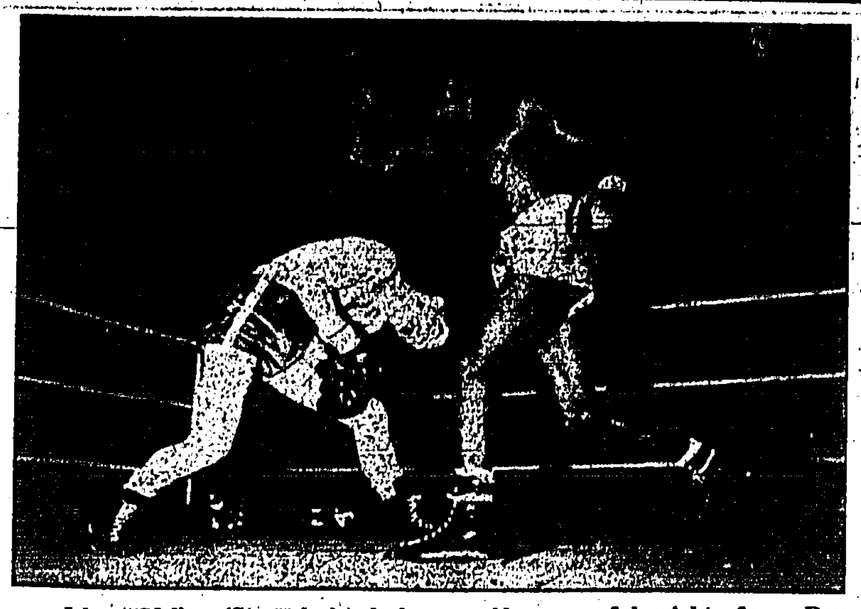
FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Miss F.J. Ward & K.S. Capell v Miss N. Lambert Baker & C Digby; Miss L. Coxall & Mrs R.B. Lawes v Mrs M. Mardulyn & Mrs E. Leonard; Miss M. Figueiredo v Mrs L.F. Stokes.

Gremlins "B" Play Navy Tomorrow

Gremlins "B" will play a Naval team at King George V School tomorrow at 5.45 p.m.

The team will be Mrs Gerrard; Irene Smirnoff, Mrs Giles; Tommy Wiseman, Diane Sanders, Rosemary Read; Dolores Bonner, Coreen Ellery, Mrs Vianna, Lorna Coxall, Mrs Ballerand and T. Silva.



Johnny Molloy (St. Helen's) ducks to avoid a powerful right from Roy Ankarah (Gold Coast) during their eight-round featherweight contest at the Empress Hall. Ankarah won in the fourth round.

"THE SCOUT" SUMS UP

Tests Must Be Made Daily To Guard Against Doping Of Race Horses

London.

One of the great weaknesses about the new Jockey Club rule on doping is that the stewards have denied themselves any powers of discretion.

A trainer's licence "shall" be withdrawn. No ifs and buts.

There is, in fact, no need to hold an inquiry when the presence of dope has been found. Suspension is automatic.

One is accustomed to hearing exaggerated reports on the racecourse. Many trainers have confided to me suspicions that one of their horses has been "got at" when it failed to run up to expectations.

NO DOUBT

These suspicions are not always accurate. But there is no sense in blinking one's eyes at facts.

I cannot forget the sight of Happy Trio and Nighttime blind in their box at Salisbury in May of last year.

Before that there was the incontestable evidence of the steeplechaser Leap Man being sprayed with acid at Nottingham in October 1946.

Hair never grew again over the quarters and on the flank where the acid had been squirted.

Men who would stoop to tricks of this sort for a little easy money must be a hard-hearted bunch of thugs.

So there is probably more truth in these racecourse whispers than many people choose to think.

Three Berkshire trainers have volunteered to give evidence before the stewards. East is certain that a horse in his charge—a favourite in all three instances—was "got at."

SUSPECTED OWNER

A north country trainer made doubly sure. His best sprinter ran unaccountably badly in a small handicap.

He had him led quickly away from the course and independently examined. 'The horse was stiff with dope,' the trainer said.

He could not trace the culprit, but suspected strongly — the owner.

No one knows better than that trainer how lucky he is still to hold a licence.

The present situation is unsatisfactory from almost every angle. Even the experts cannot agree that the system used for testing for dope is 100 per cent accurate.

The Jockey Club moves slowly, and I hold out no hope of any immediate action.

Here, however, are my suggestions:—

An amnesty for all trainers who have been affected by this rule. (They will be "marked" men, anyway, even if they succeed in setting up again.)

Substitution of the word "may" for "shall" in the rules.

Daily tests, to keep all trainers alert.

Three opinions on the analysis of samples, and not merely one.

These minor alterations are surely all that are needed to enable authorities and trainers to co-operate in stamping out a menace to the sport.

—(London Express Service)

From The Gold Coast Comes

THE WHIRLWIN THAT IS ANKAR

By ARCHIE QUICK

When British Servicemen took boxing to West A during the War they certainly started something. standing example of the new craze on the Gold Coa Roy Ankara, not inaptly dubbed "The Black Flash."

Here is a West African who knows practically not about boxing, but such is his energy and stamina he can go through an eight rounds contest non-stop. customers love it. Ankara throws punches from angles, seems impervious to what he receives and wears down all opposition. He is now leading conte for the Empire Featherweight Championship, and it n never be forgotten that he has beaten Luis Romer Spain and Tony Lombard of South Africa inside the tance.

We saw what a threat he is to champion Ronnie Clayton when he forced Johnny Molloy of Liverpool to retire after four rounds at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, the other night. Molloy is no slouch; he has defeated the best of them. But he just could not withstand the whirlwind that is Ankara.

Another interesting item on the Empress Hall bill was the incursion of lightweight champion Billy Thompson into welterweight ranks. He weighed 10st 6lbs without looking flabby, so it is very obvious that he will make 9st 9lbs only with the utmost difficulty. He was given no easy task in opposing Jackie Braddock of Manchester but he clearly won on points. It now remains to be seen whether he will challenge Eddie Thomas's supremecy at the new weight.

WRESTLING SPECIAL

At the Earls Court tournament I learned that there is a movement afoot to throw in Bruce Woodcock, Tommy Farr, Jack Doyle and Eddie Phillips — fine boxers all — at a future Harringay wrestling show. Well, if the paying public fall for that one they will stand for anything.

Talking of Farr, I was at a party with him the other night at which old-timer Joe Bec was present, and, quite wit boasting, Beckett said that i had been born thirty y later he would be Heavywe Champion of the World to

The truth in the statem reveals the paucity of heavyweight position, Ezzard Charles the best of indifferent lot and near no Jack Gardner standing an side chance of lifting the cove crown.

Beckett — and Farr — ou their time, could not only h captured the title on st merit, but they would be ric men today. Both of them financially comfortable but p men compared with the m modern Woodcock, while Ga ner possesses the chance surpass all their bank balanc

LEP Table Tenni Finals Next Wee

The LEP inter-uni table tennis finals wi take place at the NAAF Club, Queen's Road Hongkong, at 6 p.m. o Tuesday, April 17.

The Exchequer Takes A Bite Out Of Every Stage Through Which A Race Horse Passes

London.

That the Racecourse Betting Control Board turnover for 1950 is less than that of the previous year is not an indication that racing is any less popular; it is only that there is less spending money in circulation.

For some time racecourse attendances have been falling for the same reason. I am surprised the Tote decrease has not been larger.

The turnover was £25,505,192, compared with £25,874,070 in 1949. This may be accounted for by the fact that there were fewer days racing last year.

About two-fifths of the whole is invested off the course, largely through an organisation which feeds the Tote with commissions.

The organisation in quesdon—claims that off-the-course contributions were larger in 1950 than in 1949.

KEEN AS EVER

This is interesting as it appears to support the suggestion that, though betting on the course is lighter, the stay-at-home backers are as keen as ever.

What the Government does not appear to realise is that they are cutting their own throat by taxing racecourse receipts so heavily.

At the expense of appearing to explain what is obvious to all concerned with racing and breeding it is worth while to trace the circumstances by which money flows to the Exchequer from the breeding industry to the tax collector.

It will be seen that the Chancellor of the Exchequer takes a bite out of practically every stage through which the racehorse passes.

First, there is the stud farm, whose owner is taxed, if not exactly in the same way as the former or the industrialist, at least on a basis of profits.

TAX AT SALES

The product of his work, and of the capital he employs, may be regarded as the yearling which he sends to the auction sales, usually within 18 months of its birth.

Here again the Chancellor looks in and takes his share of the five per cent normally charged by the auctioneers.

The principal auctioneers of bloodstock, Messrs Tattersalls, sold more than £2,000,000 worth of yearlings alone last year, receiving more than £45,000 in commission.

It is no business of mine to inquire what it cost this big organisation to sell these yearlings, but presumably the firm made a profit, from which Government took take-off No. 2.

The yearlings thus sold, or the majority of them, now go into training. An ordinary business process follows, by means of which racehorse trainers and their employees, transport, insurance companies, makers of horse clothing, corn merchants and the 101 individuals and organisations make a living out of the thoroughbred and, presumably, pay income-tax.

Other businesses now take a hand. Racecourse companies have to find money to provide prizes as inducements to owners who want to race their horses.

AGAIN STEPS IN

This money can be found in only one way—by attracting the public to watch the racing and by charging them admission through the turnstiles. Here, the Chancellor steps in once more and demands his entertainments tax.

Here too, the Chancellor instructs his assessors to make sure that any revenue which the bookmakers may derive is suitably rated.

Racing is one of the few businesses which more than pays its way as far as the Government is concerned. As the Tote return shows, it is a cow which is being milked far too frequently.

If the butter fat content deteriorates, let us not blame the breeders or the racehorse owners. The prime milker is the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

—(London Express Service)

America's Newspapers Give More Space To Bowling Than To Any Other Sport

Says CORNELIUS RYAN

If a survey should be taken of all the sports pages in America, it probably would be found that more space is devoted to bowling than any other sport.

The American Bowling Congress lists almost a quarter of a million teams as members, and each team has from five to eight bowlers. In addition, there are many thousands of unaffiliated bowlers.

However, it is the organised teams which win the newspaper space — column after column of bowling league scores and standings, and these columns add up to far more lineage than is given to baseball, even with baseball box scores.

EXPANDING EVERY YEAR

Bowling is expanding even more this year, since it dropped its "whites-only" membership clause early this year, but it still faces some fights. Latest of bowling's battles is in New York City, where a city law forbids participation by anyone under 16 years of age.

Even if accompanied by a parent, it is illegal for a youngster to bowl in the world's biggest city, although suburban communities on all sides allow the kids to bowl.

The Queens County Proprietors' Association is leading the drive for repeal of the old law, but expects vigorous support from the Police Athletic League, the Catholic Youth Organization and many veterans' groups, since bowling, under proper supervision, can be most useful in fighting juvenile delinquency by providing an interesting pastime.

EVEN THE CHURCHES

Many churches have their own bowling alleys and their own leagues, which include the young people of the church, law or no law.

In the last decade, spurred by the war and its effect on industry, thousands of factories have enthusiastically sponsored bowling.

Said one executive:

"Bowlers, on the whole, are a sportsmanlike and philosophic lot, and we think bowling helps promote good employee relations."—United Press.

It Is Time Don Cockell Went 'Top Of The Bill'

Says GEORGE WHITING

London.

Joey Maxim or no Joey Maxim, I think we shall find Don Cockell facing up to a crack American cruiserweight in the next couple of months. And in his own top-of-the-bill right, too—not as a kind of make-weight to his stable mate, Jack Gardner, or the rampaging Randolph Turpin.

Confident Cockell, an iceberg with a boxing brain, may hitherto have lacked the crowd-appeal of some of our more-colourful-than-competent fighters, but his workmanlike European Championship win over Albert Yvel has brought the one-time Battersea blacksmith a whole host of new admirers.

When Don beat Mark Hart for the British title he shared the limelight with the Turpin-Finch middleweight championship bout. His two meetings with Lloyd Marshall were subsidiary first to Gardner v. Woodcock then to Turpin v. Van Dam. This latest win over Yvel was largely overlooked in the Gardner-Weldin arguments.

Now I suggest, the time has come for Cockell to be put to a crowd - pulling test of his own, preferably in an overweight match with one of the top American cruisers.

NOT DIFFICULT

And you may read what significance you like into the fact that I met no resistance when I made this give-Cockell-a-crack suggestion to Solomons.

It should not be difficult to find a rated American willing to do business at say 12st. 10lb. With no title at stake, Cockell need not be asked to withstand the stress and strain of making the championship limit of 12st. 7lb.

What about the 24-year-old New Yorker, Nick Barone, rated as No. 5 challenger to Maxim, with Cockell lying 10th? Or would the fact that Barone went into the 11th round with Ezzard Charles last December make him too hot for Don to handle?

California's Bob Murphy (No. 4) is a reputedly tough puncher, and, anyway his "southpaw" stance would not make him too popular in these parts. But Washington's Harry Matthews (2), New Jersey's Doc Williams (6) and New York's Jimmy Slade (7) would all offer our champion the kind of opposition he needs to prepare him for the grand assault on Joey Maxim's world championship.

What about it, manager John Simpson?

KNOWS HIS BUSINESS

Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstein, Matty Norton and other front-rank American trainers have all given us a post-war glimpse of their slick methods.

Now we are to see bespectacled, bow-tied, ex-bantamweight Chuniey Goldman—here shortly to shape-up Cesar Brion against our Jack Gardner at Harringay next month.

Does Goldman know the business? You bet he does. Marty Servo, Kid Gavilan, Lou Ambers and Johnny Risko are some of the stars who have made their world championship bids with Charley in their corners.

There are no secrets and no patent rights in the Goldman method. "First, learn to deliver the right kind of punches, then learn how to protect yourself against them. Get to know both ends of the deal," he tells his "clients." Simple, isn't it?

—(London Express Service)

Don Cockell

MEET THE TEAMS—The Jaguars

The aggregation of diamond artists pictured above are the Jaguars, who rose from the junior ranks two seasons ago into a challenging position for the Senior League title.

This outfit, which is currently one of the four finalists, is known for their hustle on the field and their love for the game is such that Softball to them is a year-round pastime. Their fans will see them again in the post-season Summer League.

Left to Right: Standing—Eustacio "Frankie" Barros (Coach), Umbe Mose (Manager), Jock Brown, Steven Xavier, Lino Marques, Dick Pereira, Gerald van Langenberg.

Front row—Gussie Pereira, Vic Pedruco, Tony Silva, Gabby Pereira, Lionel Sequeira, Rudolfo "Chandu" Pedruco.—Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

TURPIN HITS HARDER THAN ROBINSON

How does the punching power of British middleweight champion, Randolph Turpin compare with world champion Ray Robinson?

Here is the answer of Jean Stock, beaten in five rounds by Turpin at Leicester and in two rounds by Robinson last November: "Turpin hit me harder. He would have a chance against Ray, but not much."

Well at least Turpin's punching should allay doubts about his hands. After the fight Turpin's manager, George Middleton, said: "Turpin's hands are all right. He is fit and looking forward to meeting American Billy Brown."

—(London Express Service)

Sir Arthur Morse Sees The Need Of

A Modern Swimming Pool To Permit Hongkong To Stage Regional Contests

The need for a modern pool which will do credit to Hongkong and provide good facilities for the holding not only of interport but also of regional contests was emphasised by the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse, President of the Victoria Recreation Club, in his Presidential address at the annual General Meeting of the Club yesterday.

"No doubt you will expect me to make a statement regarding the future of this Club," Sir Arthur said. "At this stage I have very little information to disclose beyond the fact that the matter of new premises has engaged the close attention of your Committee.

"There was at one time no hope of retaining this site and negotiations were in hand for the construction of a new clubhouse and a modern pool which will do credit to Hongkong and provide good facilities for the holding not only of interport but also of regional contests. Several sites had been considered when the matter was reviewed afresh.

"A decision cannot be further delayed as the need for an up-to-date pool is patent to every sportsman in the Colony. The interests of the sport are prejudiced without such facilities being provided and it may be said that the normal development of the sport is arrested.

"At the annual general meeting of one of the oldest sports clubs in the Colony, it is fitting that I should take the opportunity of reviewing matters of interest to sports generally in Hongkong.

ATHLETIC FEDERATION

"In the course of 1950 the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong was formed in which this Club contributed its share of work. The need for such an organisation has long been felt and its usefulness will increase with the passage of time. Much work is now being done behind the scenes to set up a machinery whereby all sports associations can work together to the benefit of all.

"Of immediate interest to the members of this Club was the formation of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association early this year. It was sponsored by this Club in conjunction with the leading swimming clubs in Hongkong and I am pleased to announce that the response of all interested parties has been truly excellent. Serious efforts are being made to start it well and it is reassuring to note that the Association is attempting to take up the work carried on for so many years by the V.R.C. without severing ties or endeavouring to lose the advantage of continuity. In this path I have little doubt that the future augurs well for the Association.

"The matter which is certainly exercising the attention of sportsmen in Hongkong is that of the early construction of a stadium of which the Colony can be justly proud. All will agree that such a stadium should provide facilities for the practice of as many sports as possible. I understand that the present intention of Government is that a stadium will be built on the new reclamation at Causeway Bay.

EAGER'S YEAR

"About swimming there is very little that I can add to the Report. It was a good year as reflected by the widespread interest and the successful lowering of certain records which up to then had appeared hard to beat. Miss Cynthia Eager's remarkable performance deserves to be commended because the vast improvement noted during the year was the result of hard and serious training. If her present interest in the sport is maintained, she will continue to register considerably better times."

OFFICERS ELECTED

Sir Arthur was re-elected President, while Mr A. de O. Sales was re-elected Hon Secretary. The members of the past year's General Committee were also re-elected.

Those elected to the Balloting Committee were Messrs N. A. Agabeg, A. A. Britto, B. T. Gosano, J. A. Gutierrez, S. A. Marcal, A A. Noronha, V. A. Yvanovich. M. A. Oliveira, J. C. Belard and E. M Petrove.

John Macadam's Column

BOYS PUT SOCCER ON THE UPGRADE

This is to hail the long-awaited renascence of English football, to greet the emergence of the Botticellis and the Leonardos, to begin to say farewell to the old gang who have served the game so gallantly and so well, the artists who are now, for the first time in some 40 years, outmoded, surpassed, and about to be forgotten.

We have seen some changes in the game, from Billy McCracken's forcing of the alteration in the off-side rule to Herbert Chapman's introduction of the "stopper" centre-half.

There has been the speed introduced by the first great 'Spurs side and amplified by the great Buckley Wolves side; and now, all round the country there is pace and football and a levelling among the three Divisions that was never dreamed of in the old days.

English football is back where it started from—plus!—and you have only to pick any game at random, irrespective of the positions of the teams in their Leagues, to find youngsters in age and experience playing football of the highest quality.

WATCH SMITH

To mention a few names.... There is a boy playing either outside left or outside right for apparently doomed Chelsea. The name is Jimmy Smith, and he comes from the same Yorkshire home town as shoulder-busted Bobby Smith, first-team centre forward.

Jimmy can be another Jackson or Bastin with his speed, his control, and his shooting, and you will be talking about him soon.

There is the young Trooper John Charles, of Leeds United, and there is this boy Stanley Bevans, who got into the Stoke first eleven at 16, a year younger than Stanley Matthews did.

There are others of whom you have not read. One is John Simmonds, who stands 5ft. 6ins., weighs 9st. 3lb., and has just been put on the books of Aston Villa by our old friend Jack Tinn.

The boy John plays for Aquarius, Soccer side of the Metropolitan Water Board, who lead the Southern Amateurs and have a sidekick in a nine-hole golf course on which Henry Cotton learned his first strokes.

GREAT PROSPECT

Yet another is a Leyton boy called Brian Jackson, on the Orient books at 18 as an outside right and, according to an old friend of the Tinn man—whose judgment on Wilf Mannion 15 years ago has since been amply justified—one of the best prospects in years.

There are plenty more of these up-and-comers to decorate the Soccer scene and, if you ask us, there is no need any longer to grieve for the future of the game in this country.

Play has improved immeasurably in almost every department and, as these few names demonstrate, there are young players to take the places of the older ones.

The team that will take on all comers in the next World Cup series in Switzerland will be a new team, and, Glory be! a good one. See if we aren't right.

—(London Express Service)

Softball's Senior League Batting Race:

AIRTIGHT FIELDING AND RARE FORM FROM THE PITCHERS KEEP THE SLUGGERS IN CHECK

By "GRANDSTAND"

With every one of the four finalists in the current Senior Softball Playoff Series dishing out airtight fielding, the hit production has fallen off, and not in a single game of the crucial series has the total number of hits reached double figures.

In spite of this, however, fans have not been disappointed, for every tussle has provided them with the full quota of excitement with close finishes, and the record shows that several games had to be stretched into extra innings before the issue was decided on a one-run margin.

Although the top-hitters have retained some of their consistency at the platter, the sluggers seem to be handcuffed, and only one round-tripper has been clouted during the series up to date, for the pitchers, far from being on the ropes, have really displayed rare form.

Followers of this sport must have heard about games turning out to be slugging sprees, but relatively few realise what it takes to make a slugger—and we are including a majority of active players who are not aware of the qualifications.

Inasmuch as fans follow the batting averages, a shrewd manager is only interested in the number of runs batted in, and while both qualities in a batter are highly valuable to a team's success, for a batter to go into the records as a power-hitter, a high total of bases must be his aim, and it does not matter whether he made them with runners in scoring position or with the bases vacant.

ON THEIR OWN

In other words, when the defence is tight and stealing bases is a matter requiring a high degree of skill not possessed by all, it is the batter that can get into scoring position through his own effort with the bat that counts in the long run.

What makes a slugger is the total number of bases he can pile up over a series of games compared with his number of appearances at the plate and, judging from statistics of recent years, a batter that can come up with a better than .500 figure rates a slugger's berth in our books.

Several budding sluggers have made the grade in two successive years but looking at the records for the four postwar years, we find only two players who have made that envious mark over the full period, and they are Canuck Baker and Dave Leonard of the Saints.

Both of these two distance hitters still have a few mighty good seasons left, but with the wealth of talent that is blossoming from the younger players, these will give the duo some pretty good competition in the following years, but whether or not they can maintain their powerful stickwork remains to be seen.

RACE STANDINGS

The leaders in the present batting race are falling off gradually and with the exception of Tony Osmund of the Braves, only a few percentage points separate the rest of the pack. Following are the latest figures as compiled by Scorer-in-Chief Bimby Ablong.

	G.	AB	Hits	B.A.
Osmund, T	15	39	16	.410
Yvanovich, C	13	39	15	.385
Tsao, R	9	30	11	.367
Remedios, Jr.	13	44	16	.364
Correa, F	12	33	12	.364
Staber, E	9	31	11	.355
Leonard, D	13	38	13	.342
Sit, K.K.	12	38	13	.342

RAINS CAME

Once more rain washed out Tuesday's Inter-Hong games, but with the sun finally breaking through today's games will be played off as scheduled. The weatherman seems to co-operate with the Senior League playoffs and held back the downpour on Sunday until the last play was made, but it seems the Inter-Hong fixtures have all been shot to pieces.

The postponed games will be re-scheduled by the Management Committee for the end of the season, but if rain interferes again, it is quite probable that the winter season will extend well into the summer period.

Alec Briga's Dance Committee have been working at high pressure to ensure that the coming traditional function will be even more successful than the previous galas, and it is understood that several novel items will be included in the entertainment among which will be the introduction of the popular "Potato Dance."

Tickets will be on sale at $10 each and those who intend participating at this Dance are requested to apply for their tickets through the various team managers, who will in turn pass on the applications to the organisers for attention. Table reservations may be arranged through the Secretary's Office of the Association from April 16.

SOFTBALL FIXTURES

The softball programme for this evening and the week-end, with umpires, is

TODAY

Inter-Hong League

5.45 p.m. Caltex v Jardines (Tony Kwok); Lowe Bingham's v Gibbs (T. Hussain).

SATURDAY

2.30 p.m. NHB v Rediffusion (Ren Barretto); NTS v Jardines (Roberto Nunes).

4.00 p.m. Gibbs v Caltex (B. Silva); Socony v China Light (Manuel Nunes).

SUNDAY

Senior League Playoff Series

2.30 p.m. Jaguars v Braves (Frank Ewins, Buster Hollands, Hal Winglee).

4.00 p.m. Saints v Canadians (Wally Mar, Y. C. Mei, Raymond Tsao).

Inter-Hong League

10.00 a.m. Shell v NHB (George Pang); Caltex v Lowe Bingham's (Steve Xavier).

11.30 a.m. Gibbs v NTS (Vic Pedruco).

1.00 p.m. Union Insurance v Rediffusion (G. Pomeroy).

Ladies' League

11.30 a.m. Canadians v Squaws (Lionel Sequeira, Tony Ricci-Pereira, Ren Barretto).

HOW THEY STAND

Senior League Playoffs

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Braves	4	0	1.000
Jaguars	2	2	.500
St. Joseph's	2	2	.500
Canadians	0	4	.000

Inter-Hong League

Caltex	2	0	1.000
NHB	3	1	.750
Shell	3	1	.750
Lowe Bingham's	2	1	.667
Union Insurance	2	1	.667
China Light	3	2	.600
Stanvac	3	2	.600
Gibbs	2	2	.500
Rediffusion	2	2	.500
Jardines	0	2	.000
Mercantile Bank	0	3	.000
NTS	0	5	.000

Colony Open Tennis Championships

The finals of the Colony Open Tennis Championships will be held at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Chater Road, on Monday and Tuesday next, weather permitting.

The Singles final between Ip Koon-hung and K.C. Dao will be played on Monday, while the Doubles final in which Ip Koon-hung & Gordon Lum will meet Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui will take place on Tuesday.

Play will commence at 4.30 p.m. each day.

LAND FORCES ATHLETICS

The Land Forces Individual Athletic Meeting 1951, will be held at Sookunpoo on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14.

There are 158 entries for the various events.

The meeting will conclude at about 4.45 p.m. on Saturday, when Mrs G. C. Evans, wife of the Commander, Land Forces, will distribute the prizes.

The Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will play during the Saturday afternoon proceedings.

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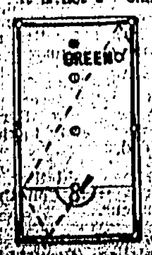

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CCC CRICKET XI

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club 2nd XI in a League cricket match against Royal Air Force at Kai Tak on Saturday, commencing 1/45 p.m.:—J. L. Youngsye, D. Readman, T. Crabtree, E. H. Eastmall, C. Abbott, J. Mehta, A. H. Pimbell, B. Karanjia, F. Pavri and A. Karanjia.

International Horse Show

Nice, Apr. 10.

Italy, Switzerland and Belgium have decided not to take part in the international horse show at Nice which starts on April 14.

The three countries said that horses and riders were too tired after taking part in the Cairo horse show on April 6, and that they had also to take part in another competition in Rome at the beginning of May.

This leaves seven nations, Great Britain, Holland, France, Turkey, Spain, Ireland and Portugal, to compete. Yugoslavia said that lack of money prevented her participation.

Sweden will be absent for the first time. She gave no reason why she will not take part in this year's show.—Reuter.

Victoria Cup Acceptors

London, Apr. 11.

Twenty-six final acceptors for the Victoria Cup, a seven-furlong Spring event being run at Hurst Park on Saturday, April 21, were published today.

The acceptors, with their weights are:

Bob Cherry and Hyperbole 9 st. 7 lbs.; First Consul 9/2; Leading Question 9/1; Market Light 8/12; Paramount and Reminiscence 8/10; Princess Trudy and Celebrate 8/0; Dorimar 8/0; Refund 8/0; Indian Empire and Abraham's Star 8/4; Donore, Rodogal and Fistnat Rock 8/2; Meadow Mist 8/1; Yellow Idol 8/1; Phalsa and Denison 7/13; Princess Choice 7/12; China Verdict 7/10; Sugar Bowl 7/7; Peter Anthony 7/4; Grateful Tern 7/1 and La Crinon 6/13.—Reuter.

AMPON LOSES TO DEL BELLO

Rome, Apr. 11.

Felicissimo Ampon, of the Philippines, was eliminated from the Men's Singles in the International Lawn Tennis Tournament here today.

Ampon was beaten 6-1, 6-3 and 6-1 by Rolando del Bello, the Italian Davis Cup player, in the third round. — Reuter.

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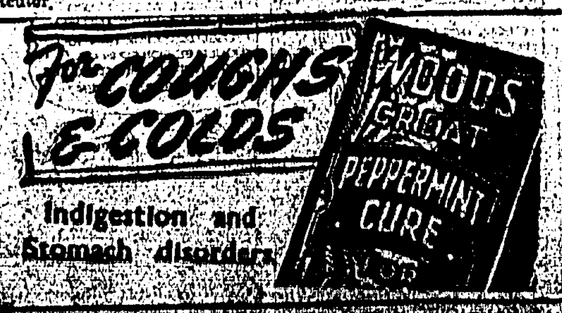

Indigestion and Stomach disorders

Colony Snooker

Following is the programme for the Colony's Open Snooker Championship scheduled to be played this evening:—Lam Chi-lai v Lau Hung-chu at Club Lusitano; H. J. Sobey v. G. J. Soares at Land Forces.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FOURTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 7th & Saturday 14th April, 1951

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

There are ten races each day (20 in all).

Through Tickets at $40.00 each may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at $2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 6th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1951 SETS OF MEMBERS AND LADIES' BADGES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

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Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the present congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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Secret Talks On Peace Moves At Lake Success

Lake Success, Apr. 11.

President Truman's removal of General MacArthur from the UN Command in Korea touched off secret talks in the UN Wednesday on possible peace moves by the UN or Red China. But there is no hint that Red China is ready to talk peace or even a cease-fire.

The action also caused a general feeling of relief among delegates. Some said privately it was long overdue. Mr Truman's selection of Lieutenant-General Ridgway to succeed General MacArthur was hailed as a wise choice. General Ridgway has earned respect in the UN, both as a delegate to the organisation and as a fighting commander of the Eighth US Army.

Many delegates have been fearful General MacArthur would commit, without consultation, some act which would involve the UN in World War Three.

US delegate Warren R. Austin formally notified the UN in a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie that President Truman had relieved General MacArthur and designated General Ridgway as his successor. Mr Austin asked the UN to circulate this notification to the 10 other members of the Security Council. It is not necessary, however, for the Council to meet on the issue.

CLOSED DOORS MEETING

Mr Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, President of the UN General Assembly and Chairman of the Good Offices Committee of three members, met behind closed doors with his group. It was said the purpose was to see if the committee, which has been instructed by the Assembly to seek a cease-fire in Korea, could do anything in the light of the new situation.

Mr Rajeshwar Dayal, Indian delegate, and Mr Mahmoud Bey Fawzi, of Egypt, two leaders of a 12-nation, Asian-Arab group in the UN, conferred privately, as did other members of the group. The Asian-Arab combination was reported dimming its efforts to coincide with the work of the Good Offices Committee, with everyone making every effort toward a solution of the Korean crisis.

There was a feeling also that a projected declaration of aims by the 14 UN members with fighting troops in Korea might be forthcoming now that MacArthur is out of the way. None of the Asian-Arab group is among the 14 members.

The President's action was the topic of gatherings in corridors and offices. The consensus of some delegates, none of whom would be quoted for publication:

1. The chances for peace are better. General MacArthur was at least a deterrent in the search for peace and a psychological obstacle. His demands for permission to bomb Manchurian bases of the Chinese Communist Air Force and for use of Chinese Nationalist troops on the Chinese mainland troubled the delegates.

2. Not only General MacArthur's enemies, but a number of the countries allied to the United Nations effort in Korea did not trust him. They were fearful he would lead them to war by some unexpected act. —Associated Press.

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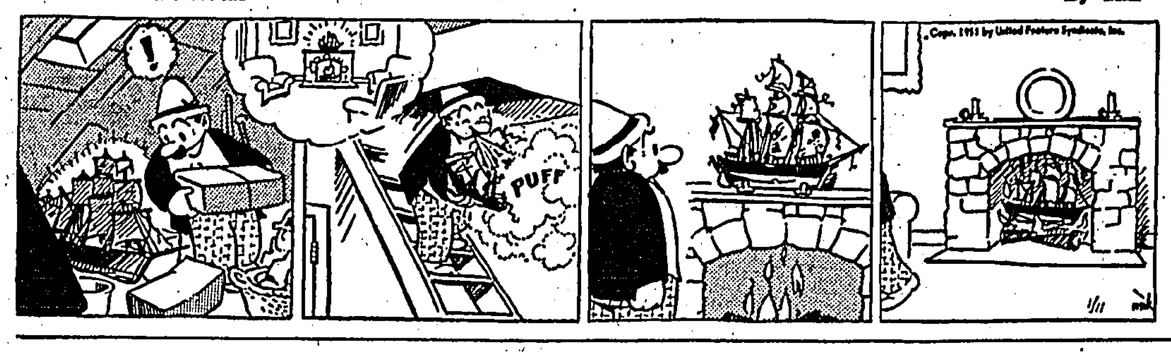

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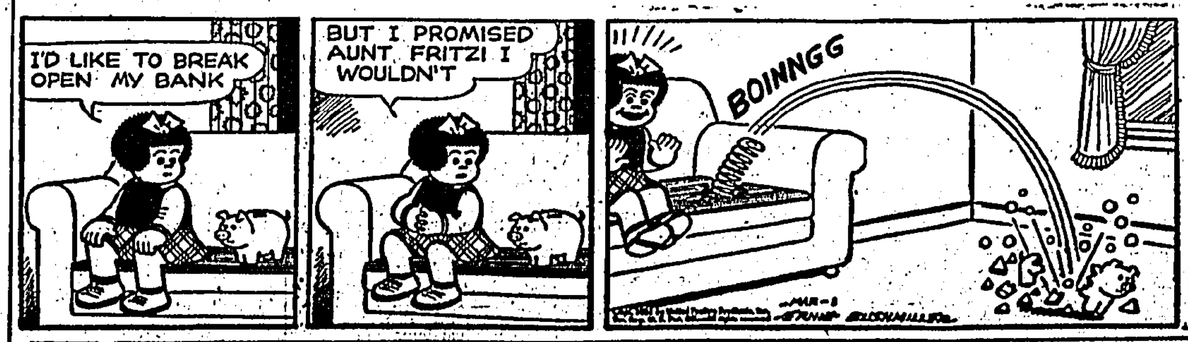

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ISRAELI PLANE DOWNED

Damascus, Apr. 11.

A Syrian military spokesman said today that an Israeli plane attempting to raid Damascus had been shot down on Israeli territory.

The spokesman said that it was one of two Israeli machines attempting to raid the Syrian capital. It was shot down between Houlen and Nevlyushaa, in the Lake Galilee area.

Earlier the spokesman said that Syrian fighters had "foiled a Jewish attempt to raid Damascus by repelling two planes from Syrian territory."

Syria and Israel have both laid before the United Nations Security Council their dispute over a demilitarised border area where seven Israeli policemen were killed last week.

The Israelis replied last night with an air bombing raid on Syrian positions.

The spokesman said that Syrian fighters intercepted two Israeli planes over Kuneitra, an important key point 25 miles inside the Syrian frontier and 40 miles south of Damascus.

After an exchange of fire the Israeli planes were forced to withdraw while the Syrian fighters returned safely to their bases, he added.

The spokesman said that the Israeli planes were on their way to Damascus.

The Syrian delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission has lodged an urgent protest with the Chairman of the Com-

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PI Businessmen Worried

New York, Apr. 11.

The Commerce and Industry Association of New York said today that cabled reports received by New York firms from businessmen in the Philippines indicated grave concern there over the cancellation by the Import Control Board of all outstanding import licences for which letters of credit have been opened.

Mr Jacques Bramhall, Manager of the Association's Export Division, said the reports contradict a statement by the American Embassy in Manila in response to protests by the Association that "a survey of the American business community fails to reveal the concern evidenced in your telegram." — United Press.

Price Rollback Forecast

Palm Beach, Florida, Apr. 11.

A top Government price control official said today that a general manufacturers' pricing regulation soon to be issued in Washington will in effect roll back prices which have risen more than costs since Korea.

The order, the official said, will aim at restoring pre-Korea price-cost relationships. But for those who co-operated in efforts to hold down prices, he said, there will be some increases.

The statement was made by Director Harold B. Wess of the Office of Price Stabilisation's consumer goods division, in a speech prepared for a joint convention of the American Hardware Manufacturers Association and the Southern Wholesale Hardware Association.

He said the manufacturers' pricing regulations will be the second broad order closely tailored to the needs of the major segments of business. The first was an order applying to all retailers of consumer goods such as clothing, home furnishings, housewares and sporting goods. — Associated Press.

NY Cotton Futures Quotations

New York, Apr. 11.

Cotton futures closed here today as follows:—

Spot	46.06 nominal
May	45.39 bid
July	44.72 nominal
October	39.52-39.53
December	— —
March (1952)	38.73 nominal
May	38.54
July	38.14 nominal

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

	Closing rate April 11.
Spot	44.91
May	45.35 bid
July	44.65 bid
October	39.44
December	38.74
March (1952)	38.66
May	38.41 bid
July	38.00 bid

—United Press.

ECA FUNDS DISPUTE

Paris, Apr. 11.

Belgium has till April 30 to provide Greece with $7,000,000 worth of Marshall Aid funds or that amount will be cut from the current allocation of $58,700,000, the Economic Co-operation Administration announced here today.

Mr Hungtington Gilchrist, of the ECA Mission to Belgium, made this clear today in a note to the Belgian Minister of Foreign Commerce.

A Belgian court recently 'froze' $7,000,000 worth of funds—due to be used by Greece—for payment of a 25-year-old debt.—Reuter.

Exchanges In NY

New York, Apr. 11.

Closing foreign exchange:
Canadian 94.50
Belgium 1.93½
Others unchanged.—Associated Press.

Ship Movements

Los Angeles, Apr. 11.

Ship departures: Grove City Victory, for Yokohama; Evanthia, for Yokohama; Binghampton Victory, for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

POSSIBLE BUDGET SEQUEL

OVERSEAS COMPANIES MAY TRANSFER HEAD OFFICES OUT OF UK

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 11.

One possible effect of the Budget proposal to increase the tax on undistributed profits may be to start a rush by companies operating overseas to tranfer their headquarters out of London to escape the higher United Kingdom taxation.

This subject is in the minds of many companies some of which have been wavering on the brink of such a decision for some time.

But before a company can transfer its seat of control nearer the scene of its overseas interests it must obtain Treasury approval. The question now is: will the Treasury tighten up its regulations governing the transfer of capital out of the country?

The opinion I formed by talking with a Treasury spokesman today is that they will.

What will happen if a number of companies now seek permission to transfer their seat of control abroad? I asked. The answer implied that the Treasury has not overlooked this possible effect of the Budget proposal.

"It would be better to wait and see," the spokesman said.

Mr Gaitskell's Budget is clearly designed to check inflation. Its chief aim is to draw off excess spending power not only by increasing the tax on distributed profits from 20 per cent to 50 per cent but also by increasing income tax and the purchase tax on certain "luxury" articles.

That these measures are less drastic than some people expected is undoubtedly due to the fact emphasised in the Economic Survey for 1951 that the rise in prices which is bound to occur this year will have much the same effect on spending power as further increases in taxation without the latter's sudden impact.

BIG INCENTIVE

But in ensuring that not too much money is available to purchase fewer and dearer goods, some observers think Mr Gaitskell may have inflicted further damage on Britain's position as the financial capital of the world. The increase in the tax on distributed profits will provide a powerful incentive for companies to put profits to reserve instead of to dividends, said Mr Gaitskell. This may be true of most companies operating in the United Kingdom but it is being argued that it may have a different influence in the board rooms of companies registered in this country but engaged in producing commodities overseas.

Some companies, particularly Rhodesian copper companies, have already transferred their seat of control. But many companies operating overseas are still registered in this country. They include a number of rubber, tin and tea companies besides the African copper companies still here.

Some companies which have proposed removing their headquarters out of this country have met opposition from shareholders who are reluctant to let control pass out of their hands to a board situated thousands of miles away. The increase in the tax on distributed profits, which will affect the amount of dividend a company will be able to pay out, might now cause these shareholders to overcome their fears.

Grain Market Upset

Chicago, Apr. 11.

The grain market was upset by the surprise dismissal of General MacArthur from his Far East commands. Prices eased, but did not drop sharply. Wheat closed from one to one and one-half lower.

May $2.47-2.47⅞
July ..... 2.40⅝ to ¾
September ..... 2.40½ to ⅝
Corn: unchanged to ⅜ lower.
Oats: ⅝ lower to ⅜ higher.
Rye (old style): 1 to 1½ lower.
Soybeans: unchanged to one cent lower.—Associated Press.

Big Order For Hamburg Yards

Hamburg, Apr. 11.

A Hamburg shipbuilding firm is to start work on a 40,000-ton tanker—the biggest ship placed in Germany since the end of the war—it was announced here today.

The vessel, together with three 16,000-ton tankers, is to be delivered to Panamanian shipping interests by the end of 1953.—Reuter.

Copra Price Up

New York, Apr. 11.

Dealers quoted copra nominally at $250 per short ton, up $2.50. Cocoanut oil was offered again at 12 cents a pound.—United Press.

Buoyancy In London

London, Apr. 11.

There was general buoyancy in the London Stock Exchange today in view of the softer-than-expected tax increases of the new national budget.

Domestic industrial leaders shot up sharply.

British Government bonds shed fractions through much of the list. Brokers attributed selling to the uncertain international situation. — Associated Press.

HONGKONG REACTS TO MACARTHUR DISMISSAL

Stock market prices were up this morning, and commercial gold went down. This was the reaction in Hongkong to the dismissal of General MacArthur.

In the market generally, there was a feeling of confidence and a belief that the threat of general war was now much lessened.

The trend on the Stock Exchange was bullish, an all-round bettering of prices being registered. Brokers were optimistic.

Commercial gold fell more than 10 points. Yesterday's opening was 324¾. The news of MacArthur's dismissal came after the market closed in the afternoon. When it opened this morning, the rate was 312½. Later it sank to 308 but recovered to 311 at noon.

SHARE MARKET

Volume of trading on the Stock Exchange showed a considerable increase, value of shares transacted during the morning being $644,670. Noon closing rates:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1355		50 @ 1350
			60 @ 1350
			50 @ 1360
East Asia ..	102		
INSURANCES			
Union	725		55 @ 725
HK Fire XD	134		130 @ 134
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav. ..	830		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf XD	72		
N. Pt. Wharf			
Dock XD	12¼	5.20	1000 @ 5
			100 @ 12¾
Provident XD	10		
S'hai Dock ..	2.90		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	5.60		
HK Land ..	39½		400 @ 40
UTILITIES			
Tram	12	12.50	800 @ 11¾
			1000 @ 11½
			200 @ 11¾
			4000 @ 12.
			700 @ 12¼
			50 @ 72.
Star Ferry			100 @ 72.
			100 @ 72.
C. Light (O)	6.15	6.20	1000 @ 6.10
			6500 @ 6.15
C. Light (N)	3.45	3.75	
C. Light (D.)	5.90		2000 @ 5.75
Electric	23¾	24½	100 @ 23½
			3000 @ 23¾
			100 @ 23½
			1000 @ 23¾
			200 @ 24.
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	10¾	12	2500 @ 12
Rope	13	12½	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD ..	12½	13	1000 @ 12¾
			500 @ 13.
			800 @ 12½
			6000 @ 12½
			1000 @ 12.70
			500 @ 12.70
Watson	17		
L. Crawford	24½		
COTTONS			
Ewo		2.60	

TIN MARKET EASIER

London, Apr. 11.

The tin market closed easier at the morning session. Turnover was 55 tons, all for three months.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	1.290
Spot tin, sellers	1.295
Business done at	nil
Three-months tin, buyers	1.280
Three-months tin, sellers	1.290
Business done at	1.290-1.287
Settlement	1.290

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £)	16.80
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.70
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	3.30
Siam ticals (per 100)	30.50
Singapore (straits)	1.96
PAU piastres (per 100)	15.90

BURLAP SHORTAGE IN AMERICA

Washington, Apr. 11.

Price control officials hope to reach some solution of the problem of rising burlap prices at a meeting on Thursday.

Burlap stocks have been shrinking in the U.S. and with prices of the product from India rising above U.S. domestic ceiling prices, there has been little or no buying to replace short supplies.

Burlap bags, widely used in packing agricultural commodities, are needed badly now with such crops as potatoes ready for harvest in some States.

Senator Dworshak, Idaho Republican, disclosed he had taken the burlap bag situation up with acting Price Director Edward F. Phelps, Jr.

At present, the landed cost of burlap from India is 36 cents a yard. This compares with the highest domestic ceiling of about 34 cents and an average domestic ceiling of about 28 cents.

O.P.S. officials still have hopes the Indian prices will drop. They said this would be the biggest step in providing ample supplies here, since Americans then could buy and realise sufficient margins to operate.—Associated Press.

THE RUBBER MARKETS

London, Apr. 11.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb.	58½-⅝
May	58⅝-59¼
June	58½-¾
July/September	56 -56⅛
October/December	52¼-½

—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Apr. 11.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
April	198 -199
May	195 -196
June	192 -193
Number 2 rubber, April	187 -188
Number 3 rubber, April	179½-180½
Number 4 rubber, April	175 -176
Spot rubber, unbaled	198½-199½
Black crepe	152 -154
No. 1 pale crepe	218 -225

—United Press.

DEMAND FOR TEXTILES

New York, Apr. 11.

Cotton textiles were quiet and steady. There was a fair buyer interest in re-sale 80-square print cloths, with prices tending to move up to mill levels.

The goods market was quiet. Washington reports indicated that the Office of Price Stabilisation was considering another interim order on yarn and wool fabrics which would take into account cost increases since the turn of the year.

Rayon goods were easy, reflecting the poor converter demand.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York Apr. 11.

Domestic sugar futures No. Six closed one lower.

May ..... 5.21 nominal
July ..... 5.44 bid
Septembes .... 5.54.

World sugar futures No. Four closed two higher to five lower.

May ..... 5.42 nominal
July ..... 5.44 bid
September ..... 5.44 bid
March ..... 5.06 nominal
May ..... 5.04 bid

Raw sugar spot 5.70 nom.—Associated Press.

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 11.

Closing bank quotations:
Bank of America: 28⅝ bid, 28⅞ asked.
Chase National: 36⅛ bid, 38⅞ asked.
National City: 47¼ bid, 49¼ asked.—Associated Press.

New York Metals

New York, Apr. 11.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—Lead, Common, New York per lb. 19.21.—United Press.

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"TJIKAMPEK"	20th May	

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"TEGELBERG"	11th May	
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	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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A Thousand Million Dollars Sliced Off Wall Street Values

New York, Apr. 11.

An estimated $1,000 million was sliced off stock market values in early trading in Wall Street—today following the news of General Douglas MacArthur's dismissal.

Sales of so-called "war issues" were heavy. Observers felt that General MacArthur's removal might serve to open the way for talks on a Korean peace settlement.

There was a marked recovery from the lowest point of the day, however, and higher prices were paid for so-called peace stocks.

Losses were limited to about $1.25 a share, and gains ran up to as much as $1.75 among the leaders.

But minus signs had a two-to-one edge over plus marks. Out of the 1,112 individual issues traded, 278 advanced and 566 declined.

Trading presented a complex picture. This is the fourth time the market has been hit hard and forced down by rumours of impending peace in Korea or a belief that a cease-fire might be in the making.

Each time there has been a recovery. Today was no exception, although the swing back didn't begin to wipe out all of the loss.

STRONG GROUPS

President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur found the British ready to negotiate a cease-fire in Korea with the Chinese Reds.

Groups notable for instances of strength were radio-television, distillers, air lines, oils, and utilities. These particular groups are generally classed as the ones that should benefit most from a peace economy.

Transfers were 1,420,000.

Stumblers included Chesapeake & Ohio, Northern Pacific, American Cyanamid, American Woollen, Douglas Aircraft and Lockheed.

Among the gainers were Zenith Radio, Eastern Airlines, Grumman Aircraft, American Airlines, and Anderson-Prichard Oil.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	91.90
20 Industrials	249.76
15 Railroads	81.59
10 Utilities	42.67

—Reuter and Associated Press.

Russia Repays Canada

Ottawa, Apr. 11.

Russia has fully repaid her $2,000,000 Canadian loan granted after the end of the second World War, the Finance Minister, Mr. Douglas Abbott, disclosed tonight in his Budget speech.

Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, France, The Netherlands and Norway all paid off part of loans from Canada to purchase goods and services here. Indonesia was the only foreign government that made no repayment in the fiscal year ended March 31.—Reuter.

Colonies At Rubber Conference

London, Apr. 11.

A British colonial and dependent territories delegation to the Rubber Study Group will attend the eighth meeting which opens in Rome on April 16, it was announced here tonight.

Sir Gerard Clauson will lead the British colonial delegation and Mr A. Heywood Waddington will be the other delegate. Advisers will be the Tuan Sheikh Ahmad Bin Sheikh Mustapha, Mr K. Frazer, Mr Khoo Teik-Eo, Dr R. B. Newton, Mr Eric Miller, Mr R. P. Hamilton, Mr E. G. Holliday and Mr W. J. Richards and the Secretary, Mr K. B. J. Huijsman, will also be present.

The Rubber Study Group was formed in 1944 by the Governments of The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States, and was later joined by France.

By the beginning of 1950, 15 governments had joined. The Group has no executive functions but meets periodically to watch developments and provides continued information relative to the whole position of rubber.—Reuter.

Japanese Bonds Again Up

London, Apr. 11.

Japanese bonds	
"A" (4s. of 1899)	43½
"B" (4s. of 1910)	43½
"C" (5s. of 1907)	39½
"D" (5s. of 1924)	39½
"E" (6½s of 1930)	39½
Consols	97½

—United Press.

New York, Apr. 11.

The surprise switch in the Far East brought fluctuations in the foreign dollar bond section, mostly on the downside in Japanese and Australian issues.

Tokyo City 5s lost 4½ points for the greatest drop in Japanese issues. Losses of a point or more were taken by Orient Development 5½s, Tokyo City 5s and Tokyo City 5½s.

Japan 6½s gained fractionally, and the Government 5½s lost a major fraction.

Australian 3½s lost 1¾ points, and the 3½s dropped one.—Associated Press.

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DULLES OFF TO TOKYO

To Speed Up Japan Peace Treaty

Washington, Apr. 11.

The White House announced on Wednesday that Mr John Foster Dulles will fly to Tokyo this coming week-end to consult with Lt-Gen. Matthew Ridgway and Japanese leaders to speed the conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty.

Mr Dulles is a Republican advisor to the State Department and is acting as the President's special ambassador in treaty negotiations.

General Ridgway is General Douglas MacArthur's successor as US Commander in the Far East.

The White House said the principles underlying a peace treaty "have been developed with the closest consultations with leaders of both parties, with both Houses of Congress and with General MacArthur and have the full approval of the President."

"The President has made it clear," the statement said, "that it is the firm policy of the US government to press forward to conclude a peace settlement with Japan as soon as possible."

The statement added that the treaty principles were outlined by Mr Dulles in a Los Angeles speech March 31.

Mr Dulles and Secretary of State Acheson conferred with Mr Truman at the White House before Wednesday's statement was issued.—Associated Press.

BRITISH PROPOSAL

Washington, April. 11.

The United States indicated on Wednesday it will oppose suggestions by Britain that Communist China take part in drafting the Japanese peace treaty and eventually be given the island of Formosa.

State Department spokesman Michael McDermott said Britain outlined its views in an aide memoire delivered to the State Department ten days ago.

Mr McDermott said Britain wanted the Reds in on the treaty negotiations and wanted Formosa eventually returned to "China." He told a news conference now was not the time to talk of the United States "rejecting" the British proposals. He would not say how the United States will answer them. He added, however, in answer to questions, that he saw no indication of any change in United States policy on Formosa. That policy has been to keep the island neutralised during the Korean fighting and leave its eventual fate for a later decision.

British sources here said London's position on inviting the Chinese Communists to participate in writing the treaty was not fixed. The British however were said now to favour inviting the Communists to the treaty talks so that they would have a chance of turning down participation.

EXPLANATION

British sources emphasised they did not want to turn over Formosa to the Communists immediately. The British were said to feel that the Japanese treaty should say Formosa belongs to China and that the Island should be placed under some interim regime, pending the solution of exactly which regime represents China.

The British were said to feel their note memoire contained constructive suggestions and in no way committed Britain to a firm position.

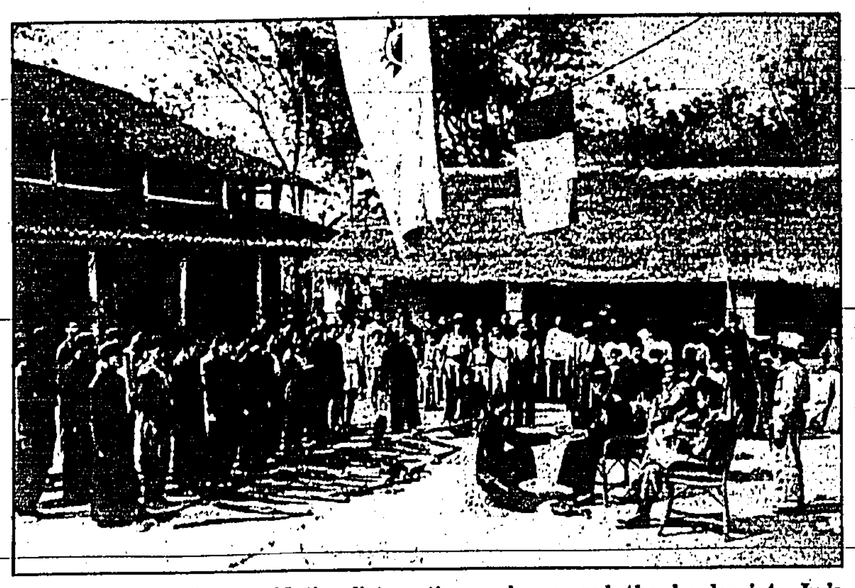
(Newsweek magazine published on Wednesday a report that "the British decision to include Communist China in the treaty negotiations is fairly unacceptable to the United States." The magazine said Far Eastern policy differences are foremost in a situation "wherein seldom since the end of the war have Britain and the United States been at odds on so many questions . . . United States officials do not disguise the seriousness of the impasse now reached with the British, as if should the British persist in their current attitude, they are determined to conclude the Japanese peace treaty this year even if it means signing it alone."—United Press.

Ridgway Leaves For Tokyo

U.S. Eighth Army Headquarters, Apr. 12.

Lt-Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, new Commander of UN Forces in Korea and Supreme Commander for the Allied Occupation Powers in Japan, left Korea this morning for Japan.—Associated Press.

Chinese Surrender Weapons



Sixty-five Chinese Nationalist partisans who crossed the border into Indo-China last month surrendered their weapons at a brief ceremony at Phong Tho. At the ceremony the Chinese, seen lined up at left with their weapons on the ground, watch their leader hand over his revolver to the local provincial chief Deo Van Han. In the background are the local Tai partisans and women. Overhead fly the French and Tai flags.—AP Picture.

TRUMAN TALKS TO THE NATION

(Continued From Page 1)

being rushed and it may be issued soon.

Administration sources said other UN members had been consulted in advance of Mr Truman's speech and his words reflected their views as well as those of the United States. While he stressed the United States' willingness to seek an honourable peace of Korea, Mr Truman was firm in saying that his country would keep on fighting as long as Communist aggression continued in Korea.

"There are signs that the enemy is building up his ground forces for a new mass offensive," he said. "We also know that there have been large increase in the enemy's available air forces. If a new attack comes, I feel confident it will be turned back .... we will carry on the fight with vigour and determination in an effort to bring the war to a speedy and successful conclusion."

The President charged bluntly that Soviet-inspired Communist was behind the attack on the free nations.

"The aggression against Korea is the boldest and most dangerous move the Communists have yet made," he asserted.

GREATER PLAN

The chief executive said the Communist attack on Korea was "part of a greater plan for the conquering of all Asia." He added that the United States was the primary block against the Kremlin's attempt "to control all Asia."

Mr Truman faced up frankly to the growing issue of whether "the Communist plan of world conquest can be stopped without general war." He said the government in conjunction with its United Nations allies felt that the best chance of stopping a general war was "to meet the attack in Korea and defeat it there."

"That is what we have been doing," he said. "It is a difficult and bitter task. But so far it has been successful. So far we have prevented World War III."

He then said the time had come for worldwide Communism to choose its course of action.

"The Communist rulers may press the attack against us," he said. Then he candidly admitted that further Communist activity may spread the war in the Far East.

Mr Truman said the American public was asking itself why the UN forces were not bombing Manchuria and China itself. In answer, he said that if the democratic forces assisted Chinese Nationalist troops in landing on the mainland of China, they would run "a very grave risk of starting a general war."

"If that were to happen, we would have brought about the exact situation we are trying to prevent."

He went on to explain that commiting United Nations to a full-scale war with Red China would well suit the aims of the Kremlin.

"It may well be that, in spite of our best efforts, the Communists may spread the war. But it would be wrong—tragically wrong—for us to take the initiative in extending the war."

"Our aim is to avoid the spread of the conflict."

THE BEST COURSE

Mr Truman said the United States' course was "the one best calculated to avoid an all-out war." He added that this was a course consistent with other international agreements.

After pointing out that the force of the free world was growing daily, the President abruptly told the Oriental Communists that they would be "foolhardy to widen the hostilities beyond Korea." With this realisation, he continued, the Communist authorities might recognise "the folly of continuing their aggression."

Then the chief executive threw open the door to peace in the Far East:

"A peaceful settlement may then be possible. The door is always open. Then we may achieve a settlement in Korea which will not compromise the purposes of the United Nations."

President Truman said he had thought "long and hard" about the question of extending the war in Asia and had arrived at the conclusion that the better part of international valour was to limit the war to Korea. In the closing passage of his address he explained that he had been forced to dismiss General MacArthur because the Far Eastern commander apparently did not agree with this policy. He said he had to avoid anything that might lead to "confusion as to the purpose and aim of our policy".

The President said a peace settlement founded upon "his three points would open the way for the unification of Korea and the withdrawal of all foreign forces". Barring this, he warned, the military forces of the United Nations would continue to resist "outrageous aggression".

MILITARY OBJECTIVES

He summed up the military objectives of the democratic forces in these words: "To repel attack and to restore peace."

By following these principles, he said, the defeat of aggression in Korea may be "the turning point in the world's search for a practical way of achieving peace and security".

"The free nations have united their strength in an effort to prevent a third World War," he said.

"That war can come if the Communist rulers want it to come. But this nation and its allies will not be responsible for its coming. We do not want to widen the conflict. We will use every effort to prevent that disaster. And we know that we are following the great principles of peace, freedom and justice."—United Press.

More Chinese Troops In Korea

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Pentagon reported today that 16 new Chinese Communist divisions have been identified in Korea, bringing the total estimated enemy strength there to 695,000.

A spokesman said that 97,000 additional Chinese Communist troops had been identified since last Friday. The 16 divisions, if at full strength, would total 160,000 men, the Army said.—Reuter.

Korea War Front

Allies Slog Slowly Ahead

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Allied forces slogged slowly ahead on the rain-swept Korean battlefront on Wednesday as news of General MacArthur's dismissal spread like wildfire.

Chinese and Korean Red resistance toughened on the Western and Central fronts. Heavy rains and low overcast virtually stripped UN ground troops of air support.

These were the mid-April rains which frontline officers expect will signal a massive Red counter-offensive. The Communists have built up a force estimated at more than 500,000.

(In Washington, an Army spokesman said 18 new Chinese Red divisions have been identified in Korea since last Friday—bringing to more than 695,000 the total Communist strength. Overall Red strength was estimated at 470,000 Chinese, 212,000 North Koreans and 13,000 guerillas.)

AP Correspondent John Randolph reported early on Thursday that UN troops crossing the Hantan River on the Western front "appeared to be hitting the Reds' line of resistance."

American and Turkish troops pushed slowly toward a high ridgeline in that sector, south of Chorwon. Chorwon, formerly a key Chinese base 17 miles north of Parallel 38, was reported wiped out by concentrated Allied artillery fire and air strikes.—Associated Press.

Life Sentence For Ex-Nazi

Aachen, Apr. 11.

A German Court here today sentenced Felix Braun, a former deputy camp commander of a German prisoner-of-war camp in Russia, to life imprisonment on each of seven charges of murdering fellow prisoners.

Braun was also sentenced to a total of 15 years' hard labour on seven charges of attempted murder. The Russians made Braun, a former farm-hand and driver, deputy commander of the camp, called by the German war prisoners the "Death Camp."

According to the evidence of former prisoners of war, Braun severely mistreated his fellow prisoners and sent some to death. Evidence also showed that Braun indirectly caused the death of some prisoners through mistreating them.—Reuter.

Mooring Offences

For mooring their fishing craft alongside five others, Shek Shiu, mistress of junk 211V, and Ip Chat, mistress of junk 795V, were each fined $20 by Mr T. H. Low at the Marine Court this morning. The offence was committed at D10 where the ss E-Sang was moored.

Hardoon Building Action

Defence Claims HK Courts Have No Jurisdiction

A submission that the Courts of Hongkong can have no jurisdiction to make a declaration sought in an action involving immovable property situated in a foreign land, such as that under dispute, was made by Counsel for defence when hearing in the action in respect of the Hardoon Building continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff claims that by an agreement entered into between him and defendant in Hongkong on February 28 last year, the Hardoon Building, situated at the corner of Honan Road and Nanking Road, Shanghai, was sold to him at the agreed price of HK$65,000. He is seeking a declaration from the Court that the defendant had agreed to sell the property at that price.

Defendant, whilst admitting he signed certain documents, denies that they constituted or were intended by the plaintiff or himself to constitute a sale or an agreement for sale.

Plaintiff is Jen Dao Chen, of 28 Repulse Bay Road. He is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, on the instructions of Mr M. A. da Silva.

Defendant is David George Hardoon, of 48 Repulse Bay Road. Mr John McNeill, KC, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appears on his behalf.

When Court resumed this morning, it was found that the interpreter assigned was indisposed. Another interpreter who was sent for was unable to fully understand the dialect of plaintiff, who was under cross-examination by the Defence Counsel. Cross-examination of plaintiff will continue at 2.30 p.m. today.

Pending resumption of the cross-examination, Mr McNeill with the permission of the Court raised the question of jurisdiction. He said that the action was founded upon one thing only, and that was a dispute as to the title of the land in question. Had it been sold to plaintiff, as alleged, or had it not been sold to plaintiff? He asked his Lordship to say that the Court has no jurisdiction to deal with the action.

Submitting further, Counsel said that the Courts of Hongkong can have no jurisdiction to make a declaration sought in an action involving immovable property in a foreign land, such as that under dispute. The parties, he submitted, were not British subjects, and further there were courts operating in Shanghai which, in his submission, were the appropriate courts to deal with this action.

Counsel quoted authorities at great length to support his contentions.

Hearing is proceeding.

MAXIMUM FINE

European's Driving Offence

A maximum fine of $500 was imposed by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning on P.W.S. Cottier, of the Government Stores, North Point, on a summons for driving without due care and attention. His licence was ordered to be endorsed. An alternative summons for dangerous driving was withdrawn.

The prosecution, conducted by Insp Howarth, of the Traffic Department, stated that the summons was taken out as a result of a serious traffic accident in Nathan Road on March 27.

At about 1 a.m., the defendant was driving a private car in Nathan Road towards the Star Ferry and when approaching Kimberley Road he collided into the first of two rickshaws travelling in the same direction close to their proper side of the road.

The occupant, an American named Kay, was thrown out of the rickshaw and sustained injuries of a serious nature. He was now in Queen Mary Hospital with a fracture of the pelvis and was likely to remain there for a considerable time. The puller was also hurt and had hospital treatment for four days.

The rickshaw was badly damaged.

Insp. Howarth added that the Police took a serious view of the case as the road was wide and there was no traffic in the immediate vicinity at that time other than the two rickshaws.

Defendant pleaded that he could not see the rickshaws in the shadow of the trees and that it was difficult to see their rear lights.

Commodore Davies Goes To Coastal Command

Air Commodore A. D. Davies, CBE, has been appointed Air Officer in charge of Administration at Headquarters, Coastal Command. Until this week he was Air Officer Commanding, Hongkong. He left the Colony on Tuesday.

At the outbreak of the war Air Commodore Davies was serving in the Directorate of Organisation at the Air Ministry, where he became Deputy Director of War Organisation in 1941. In 1943-44 he was deputy commander of the bomber base at a short period before returning to the Air Ministry for duty in the Directorate-General of Manning, becoming a Director of Manning in 1945. From December, 1947, until he came to Hongkong in October, 1948, he was a member of the Manpower Economy Committee.

Australian Ships Bought By HK Firm

One of the two Australian merchant ships purchased by the Ta Hing Steamship Co., of St George's Building will be arriving in Hongkong at the end of this month to be scrapped.

The vessel, the 3,351-ton ss Mungana, formerly the Eurella, owned by the Australasian United Steam Navigation Co, left Sydney on tow on March 14, and called in at Borneo where she loaded 2,000 tons of coal for Hongkong.

According to the Ta Hing Co negotiations are under way for selling the scrap, but one of the conditions of sale will be that the material will be used locally and will not be re-exported.

The other ship purchased by the Company is the ss Admiral Chase, a 3,286-ton vessel owned by the Island Airway Ltd, formerly known as the Sutransco. This ship has been chartered to the Indonesian Shipping Co. She left Sydney on March 13 and will be leaving Singapore tomorrow for Sumatra.

Both vessels were purchased over a month ago and cost together over $1,500,000. The Ta Hing Shipping Company this morning denied that either of the ships had been refused permission to leave Australia for fear that they might fall into Chinese Communist hands, or that the Company had to guarantee that the vessels would not be re-sold to the Chinese Reds.

"Ours is a British company and our ships fly the British flag. We had no trouble in getting the ships and we do not have to guarantee," said an official this morning.

Stromboli Erupts Again

Palermo, Sicily, Apr. 11.

Stromboli, the "film star" island volcano north of Sicily, erupted today, sending red hot tongues of lava down into the Tyrrhenian Sea.

The plane carrying Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh from Malta to Rome passed directly over the island at 6,000 feet. But the Royal couple were unable to see the eruption — smoke and dense cloud hid Stromboli from view.

The island's fishermen hurriedly put to sea.—Reuter.

GAMING HOUSE ON ROOF

Police raided a gaming house on the roof of 2C Boundary Street yesterday and arrested 11 persons, including the keeper, Chit Chun, aged 26, who was fined $250 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning. The ten participants in a game of pai kau were each fined $25.

Ambulance Brigade Orders

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, O.B.E., C. St. J., Commissioner St. J.A.B. Hongkong District Order No. 15/51 dated April 12, 1951.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong.—15.4.51 to 21.4.51, Chung Sing Division; 22.4.51 to 28.4.51, Eastern Division.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon.—16.4.51 to 22.4.51, Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Division; 23.4.51 to 29.4.51, Mong Kok Division.

Football Match Duties.—Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m., Boundary Street, Shamshuipo Division; 3.30 p.m., Caroline Hill, S.C.A.A. Division. Sunday, April 15, 4.30 p.m., Club Ground, Wanchai "A" Division. Wednesday, April 18, 6 p.m., Boundary Street, Kowloon Division.

Penetration Squad Duties.—Sunday, April 15, M.O.H.K. Chung, Dentist W.C. Wright & Waterloo Nursing Division. Next for duty M.O. Wong Wah-kwan & Dentist Dr A. J. Staple.

Race Course Duties.—Saturday, April 14, Chung Sing Division.

Headquarters Duties.—Saturday, April 14, Wanchai "B" & Motor Transport Divisions.

Annual Inspection Final Rehearsal.—Sunday, April 15 is the final annual inspection rehearsal for the year 1951. Participants in the parade are requested to muster Caroline Hill Road at 9.30 a.m. sharp and march off at 9.45 a.m. Good attendance is urgently requested. Markers of each Division will report to Corps Superintendent Ho Kang Po by 9.30 a.m. sharp on that morning.

Officers Meeting.—A meeting for all officers will be held at Headquarters from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 1951, in connection with the Annual Parade and Inspection.

Resignation.—Eastern Division—L/C Lam Kim-Seng resigned w.e.f. 31.3.51.

Reserve.—Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Division—Pte. Ho Shui-jan reserved w.e.f. 22.3.51.

From Reserved to Active Strength and Transferred.—Pte. Chow Chun-yin of Hongkong Y.M.C.A. Division transferred from Reserved list to Active Strength and transferred to Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Division w.e.f. 1.4.51.

Enrolment.—South China Athletic Association Division — Pte. Chan Chi-yin, Pte. Ho Ping-tong, Pte. Ho Ping-chiu, Pte. Kwok Chik-wai, Pte. Leung Wing-kwai, Pte. Chan Kong-hai, Pte. Kwong Tong enrolled w.e.f. 3.4.51. King's College Nursing Division — Amb/Sis. Tang Shi-lin, Amb/Sis. Lung Shuha, Amb/Sis. Shiu Wai-man, Amb/Sis. Li Pik-ling, Amb/Sis. Li Pik-nang, enrolled w.e.f. 5.4.51. Chung Sing Benevolent Society Nursing Division — Amb/Sis. Tsui Sau-chun, Amb/Sis. Kwan Hop-lin, Amb/Sis. Wong Mei-ling, Amb/Sis. Yeung Shou-jan, Amb/Sis. Chan Man-wai, enrolled w.e.f. 5.4.51.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. When mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered articles and parcel mails close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
By Air
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m. via C.P.A.
Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 5 p.m., via Air France.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., via s/s. Yu Men/Tak Shing.
Malaya Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East and South Africa, India, Middle East and Europe, 5 p.m., via s/s Corfu.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
By Air
Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Formosa, 10 a.m., via C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa and Europe, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
B.N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., via Q.E.A.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., via P.A.L.
Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., via s/s Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Indo-China, 3 p.m., via s/s San Rafael.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m., via C.A.T.
Siam, 5 p.m., via P.O.A.S.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., via s/s Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.
Indonesia, 2 p.m., via s/s Sinkiang.
Formosa, 3 p.m., via s/s Hermod.
Malaya, 3 p.m., via s/s Kweiyang.
B.N. Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., via s/s Aros.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
By Air
Philippines, B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m., via C.P.A.
Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, India, Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m., via Air France.
Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m., via s/s Kwong Tung.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6.00, "Programme Summary"; 6.02, "Jazz For The Moderns" presented by John Waring (Studio); 6.30, "Hit Parade"; 7.00, Andre Kostelanetz and His Orchestra; 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, Seven Popular Spanish Songs. (De Falla); 8.30, Rhapsody In Blue (George Gershwin); 8.45, Sports Review by Bill Phillips (Studio); 9.00, "From The Editorials" (London Relay Recorded); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, "Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music arranged by Betty Drown; 9.30, "Music At Dusk"—A Play by Val Gielgud produced by Derek Orchard (Studio); 10.00, "Ring Up The Curtain"—Excerpts from Verdi's "Il Trovatore" (BBCTS)—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Clifton Bellwell, with Ruth Packer (Soprano), Rosina Raisbeck (Mezzo-Soprano), Walter Midgley (Tenor), Douglas Craig (Baritone); 10.45, Marek Weber and His Orchestra; 11.00, Radio News Real (London Relay); 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.29, Weather Report; God Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

There are 28 points in all—average, 3½. But Walter won't be sure of avoiding relegation if he scores 3½ points; or if he scores 4 points; or even if he scores 4½! For it is theoretically possible for six players to score 4½ points each, the other two scoring 1 and 0, or ½ each.

With 5 points, however, Walter would be safe, and this is the number he must score.

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Check Your Knowledge Answers

1. Nebulae. 2. Neptune. 3. Marching forward in single formation, as Indians progress through the woods. 4. Acadia. 5. The breastbone. 6. Hungarian.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Why, bowling keeps me in perfect shape—this backache must be from cleaning wallpaper!"

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